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'Creating a new homeland'

Dynamic Chickasaw women recognized for contributions



The panelists for this year's Dynamic Women's Forum included, from left, Lisa John, Chickasaw Nation Administrator for the Office of Self Governance and interim Administrator for Education Services; Dr. JudyLee Oliva, a playwright, scholar and educator; and Thalia Miller, the Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Director. The guest moderator was Sandi Sanders (standing), Chief Operating Officer for Chickasaw Nation Health System.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation and East Central University (ECU) presented a forum on "Dynamic Women of

the Chickasaw Nation," March 31 in Ada.

Many Chickasaw women have made contributions to the

Nation. This was the second forum and the continuation to salute and recognize some of the women who have dedicated their talents, skills and abilities to serve Chickasaw people.

"The forum highlighted the many accomplishments of our nation's women who have realized a vision of hope and change," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We celebrate the many ways Chickasaw women strengthen and enrich our people."

This year's panelists included Dr. Judy Lee Oliva, a playwright, scholar and educator; Lisa John, Chickasaw Nation Administrator for the Office of Self Governance and interim Administrator for Education Services; and Thalia Miller, Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Director. The guest moderator was Sandi Sanders, Chief Operating Officer of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

During the evening, tribute was paid to Pearl Carter Scott, pioneering aviatrix and former

Chickasaw tribal legislator. Mrs. Scott passed away in March at the age of 89. Mrs. Scott was scheduled to appear as a panelist for the forum this year.

The panelists were asked a host of questions from the audience including: What do you think needs to be done to further revitalize the Chickasaw language? In your opinion, how should we address threats to sovereignty and the intense lobbying pressures to aggregate tribes? Who or what would you consider to be a major influence in shaping who you are today?

The forum was hosted by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities program, a collaborative college-level studies program offered through ECU's department of history and political science and the tribal division of arts and humanities. Chickasaw Nation tribal leaders and ECU officials have worked together on numerous projects benefiting the community and one facet of that partnership is the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Course.

Students of the course explore the rich and diverse culture of the Chickasaws with studies complemented by comparative studies of other Native American tribes and western humanities literature and history. Instruction for the program is provided by Dr. Michael Hughes.

"As Oklahomans, we have begun to think of ways to celebrate our state's 100th birthday in 2007 and show the progress we have made," said Dr. Bill Cole, president of East Central University. "But long before we were a state, Chickasaw women were already here, putting their strengths and abilities to work to create a new homeland. Today, their accomplishments extend to many different areas and continue to bring honor and recognition to the Chickasaw people."

A reception hosted by the East Central University's Native American Student Association followed the forum.

Contributed by Kelley Isom and Becky Chandler.

Vouchers available to seniors, WIC participants

Farmers' market program offers fresh fruit, vegetables

From May 1 to November 30, thousands of individuals will benefit from the Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). The programs offer benefits to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants and to eligible senior citizens.

"The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market programs have seen much success since their

inception," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Farmers' markets and farm stands are not only beneficial to program participants, but also to area farmers and local economies."

Last year nearly 5,000 people participated in the tribal program. The farmers' market programs provide coupons for the

purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets and farm stands.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Farmers' Market Program offers \$30 per year, per Chickasaw Nation WIC participant to use at local farmers' markets or farm stands. The WIC program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women. The program also benefits, infants six months and older and children up to five years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk.

See Farmers' Market, page 15



Chickasaw elders Overton "Buck" Cheadle, Mooniene Ogee and Sim Greenwood inspect vegetables at the farmers' market stand in Ada. Eligible Chickasaw seniors and WIC participants enjoy the summer's fresh fruits and vegetables with vouchers provided through the tribe's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****March 18, 2005****AGENDA ITEM #1****CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2**ROLL CALL****Members present:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott

Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright

Members absent:

Donna Hartman, Steve Woods

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick,

Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present:

James A. Humes, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen Stoner,

Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Paul Yates, Tony Choate, Ron Frazier

AGENDA ITEM #3**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Green

AGENDA ITEM #4**READING OF MINUTES - February 18, 2005**

January 15, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve minutes of February 18, 2005 and January 15, 2005. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Mr. Seawright noted a correction to the name of a guest on the January 15, 2005 minutes.

Ms. Green and Dr. Goforth Parker amended their motions to the approve the February 18, 2005 and the January 2005 minutes to include the correction.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes**The motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2005 and January 15, 2005, as amended, carried unanimously.****AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods**

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker**General Resolution 22-032, Affirming General Resolution 19-067 (Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County)**

This resolution affirms General Resolution 19-067 for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description as described in "Attachment A" as a part of the N/2 SW/4 SW/4 and the SE/4 NW/4 SW/4 lying South of the South right-of-way line of Seabrook Road in Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, as required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for placing said tract of land U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted an amendment had been made to the resolution changing 12 acres to 11.03 acres.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-032, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes**The motion to approve GR22-032, as amended, carried unanimously.****General Resolution 22-033, Affirming General Resolution 21-054 (Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County)**

This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-054 for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description as described a part of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4 NW/4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said N/2 NE/4 SE/4 NW/4; thence West a distance of 242.2 feet; thence South a distance of 80 feet; thence East a distance of 242.2 feet; thence North a distance of 80 feet

to the point of beginning, containing 0.44 acre, more or less, and hereby affirms General Resolution 21-054, previously approved on May 21, 2004.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-033. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes**The motion to approve GR22-033 carried unanimously.****General Resolution Number 22-034, Right-of-Way Easement in Love County (Bridge Construction)**

This resolution approves a right-of way easement to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the purpose of grading, surfacing, drainage and bridge construction across a portion of property owned U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. Due to the easement providing expanded roadway access to tribal businesses, compensation is hereby waived.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-034. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes**The motion to approve GR22-034 carried unanimously.****General Resolution Number 22-035, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.28 acres, more or less, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to table GR22-035. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs**11 yes votes****The motion to table GR22-035 carried unanimously.**

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood ScottMs. Wanda Blackwood Scott commented that her article in the *Chickasaw Times* would report on the GED Program and the wild horse program.**(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green**

Ms. Green reported that the Carl Albert hospital administrator met with the committee and gave a report on the health systems.

Chairperson Briggs announced a doctor had been hired at the Ardmore Clinic.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James A. Humes commented on per capita payments.

Mr. Michael Watson stated he was pleased to hear about a doctor at the Ardmore clinic and he made comments on per capita payments and term limits.

Ms. Kathleen Stoner made comments regarding the need for a senior citizen site in Duncan.

Ms. Sue Simmons asked if guidelines were in place to have minors carded at WinStar and she asked about an exit ramp at the facility. Chairperson Briggs stated she was not aware of the procedures of carding under age patrons, but she would inquire about it. She also stated the State was currently working on an exit ramp at WinStar.

Ms. Juanita Tate commented on per capita payments and asked if there were negotiations to purchase the old orphan home property in Lebanon. Dr. Goforth Parker responded she was not aware of any negotiations, but she would inquire about it.

AGENDA ITEM #8**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We celebrate young Chickasaws beginning new journeys

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

There are some very special people profiled in this issue of *the Chickasaw Times*.

They are special for many reasons. They are young, enthusiastic and energetic. They have achieved much in their young lives, excelling in academics, athletics, music, the arts and science. They hold the future of the Chickasaw Nation in their young hands.

These very important people are the Chickasaws who will graduate from their respective high schools this month. They live in many states and they have many diverse interests. What they all share is their Chickasaw

heritage, and among this special group will emerge leaders of our tribe.

In the pages you hold, you will read about growing tribal programs and services, tribal business initiatives, executive, legislative and judicial workings in your tribe.

But the heart and soul of our common future is written about the young Chickasaw men and women who now leave their high schools and embark on their unique life journeys.

Each May for many years we have read about our Chickasaw high school seniors in this special issue of *the Times*. It has occurred to me each year as I read the biographies of each of our high school seniors how rich our tribe is in quality, wonderful



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

young adults.

It is well worth it to invest the time and read each and every senior's biography. The quality of these young lives is astounding. You will read about Chickasaws in the National Honor Society; Chickasaws selected prestigious National

Merit Scholars; Chickasaws who have earned scholarships to our country's finest colleges and universities.

Among our graduates are Chickasaws who have excelled in many disciplines. Many of the young people in these pages are leaders in their schools, setting the pace for entire student bodies. I have absolute confidence a number of these young people will some day assume leadership roles in our tribe.

Our tribe has enjoyed, in our most recent era, a tremendous growth that has allowed us to offer many new and enhanced programs and services. We have established innovative new programs for our people, and created burgeoning new businesses.

Along the way, we have consistently honored our traditions. One of the most important traditions we hold as Chickasaws is protecting and nurturing our children.

For all we have accomplished – and plan to accomplish – there can be no greater asset to our tribe than the young people featured here today. We are all so very pleased to congratulate our Chickasaw high school seniors on their accomplishments, and to offer our support as they enter this important new phase of their lives.

To each and every Chickasaw high school senior, we offer our prayers and sincere best wishes as you embark on your new

Golf course construction under way near WinStar

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - What now looks like thousands of acres of desert about one-quarter mile southeast of the tribe's WinStar Casinos will soon be transformed into lush Bermuda grass fairways and bentgrass carpeted putting greens.

Construction of a new 18-hole course is under way, with planting of grass expected in May of this year. While construction should be complete by the end of summer, adequate grow-in time must be allowed before play begins in late winter 2005 or early spring 2006, according to golf course superintendent Charles Wise.

"A great golf course is an essential element in creating the type of destination resort facility we envision at WinStar," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We believe this D.A. Weibring Signature Design course will attract top golfers from a wide area."

One definition of resort listed in Webster's New World Dictionary is "a place to which people go often, as on vacation."

A top-notch golf course can be an indispensable component of a resort, particularly one which may attract not only individuals, but corporate groups, according to Sam Swanson, president of D.A. Weibring/GRI.

"A golf course can provide widespread exposure and create

an image for a resort property that can be very beneficial in marketing to individuals or group meetings," Swanson wrote in an article published in Indian Gaming magazine.

"The typical decision maker in any organization would be influenced by the availability of a quality golf course to the resort," he wrote. "The CEO (or decision maker), whether it

be male or female, is typically a golfer and may consider the golf course component of the project to be not only critical to the decision making process, may, in fact, be the most important piece of the puzzle!"

D.A. Weibring Golf Resources Group has designed a number of highly acclaimed golf courses in the United States and Japan. The company designed the

WinStar growing

WinStar Casinos' 190,000-square-foot facility offers electronic gaming, paper-play bingo and off-track betting, as well as three restaurants, a deli and a 1,200-seat theater. The casino has also recently added tournament-style card games.

More than 2,200 electronic games are available in three distinct venues, including the recently opened and lavishly appointed *Palace*, as well as the *Circus-Circus* and *Mariachi* rooms.

Horse racing fans will enjoy the flexibility of the off-track betting showplace, which allows expansion from the normal capacity of approximately 100 seats to more than 1,200 for big race days such as the Breeder's Cup.

Guests can choose from a variety of menus in four restaurants with total seating capacity

of more than 500.

Top flight entertainment including music stars such as Neil McCoy, comedy and Las Vegas-style revues are featured at the 1,200 seat theater.

In addition to the Microtel Inn and Suites scheduled to open in May 2005, and the golf course, plans for the site include a larger hotel and convention center, family entertainment center and RV park.

Emerson Family Reunion

Sunday, June 5, 2005

Lake of the Arbuckles

Buckhorn Pavillion (South of Sulphur, Okla.)

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Bring a covered dish!

Bridlewood Golf Club in Flower Mound, Texas, which was rated the #1 Luxury Golf Course by Avid Golfer Magazine in 2004.

Another notable course designed by the company is the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run, site of the annual PGA John Deere Classic tournament. Located near Chicago, the course was recognized by *Golf Digest* magazine in 2000 as the eighth best new daily fee club.

Steve Wolfard, the Golf Architect for D.A. Weibring Golf Resources Group, will coordinate the D.A. Weibring Signature Design. Weibring, a five-time winner on the PGA Tour and a two-time Champions Tour winner, will be very involved

18-hole layout.

Wadsworth Golf Construction was chosen as the general contractor and should complete construction by mid summer of 2005 with the grow-in of the golf course to follow.

The course will feature Tifway 419 Bermudagrass fairways and bentgrass greens and will measure from 4,992 to 7,225 yards, depending on tee box chosen.

The 18,000-square-foot clubhouse will include pro shop, snack bar, locker rooms, cart rentals and meeting/gathering area.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



This property near the tribe's WinStar Casinos will soon become a top-flight 18-hole golf course.

Ardmore food distribution center great for citizens



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings, Fellow Chickasaws!

It is a very busy time of the year for all of us as we try to take advantage of the beautiful weather. In this area we are fortunate not to have to endure harsh weather but at the same time, our winter mostly does not cause us to want to become productive in the outdoors.

The legislature stays busy all year round and many interesting projects are presented to us.

The growth of the Tribe is so gratifying and we are so thankful for the progress we continue to enjoy. More and more facilities continue to be built for the convenience and enjoyment by our Tribal members.

Today I visited the construction sites at Ardmore (Pickens District) and the new food building is really a beautiful structure. The concept of the food buildings is especially important, I think, as it allows our citizens who are in need of commodities to obtain the needed items with dignity. We most certainly have come a long way from when our citizens in need of groceries had to meet at a certain time and get the groceries from the back of a pick-up truck. Now the citizens shop in a grocery store that puts most retail grocery stores to shame. Our grocery shops are beautiful and even have a place where a citizen might sit down and enjoy a glass of tea. Also, there is a cooking area where new recipes are being prepared and citizens can not only have

the recipe but may sample the cooking. It's wonderful!!

The other day I visited the casino in the Marlow area and it is of unique design, a really charming, facility built to resemble the "old West." Each of our casinos has a different architectural style and all are beautiful. All have several restaurants with each of the restaurants offering a different type food service.

It is TIME for our students (of all ages) to be in touch with the Education Department for application forms. We offer a treasure trove of help to students and I really hope all who are endeavoring to learn something new or pursue any kind of educational pursuit will visit with the people in the Education Department. They are so helpful and have suggestions for paths to follow to achieve desired goals.

The Ethics Ad Hoc Committee continues to work diligently in the writing of a code of behavior for the legislators. As we continue to grow, more guidelines seem to need to be

put in place. It is a particularly hard working committee meeting frequently and I believe they will be finishing before too long. We commend them for their efforts as we do all our committees, actually, as a great

deal of time and work goes into most new legislation.

Have a Happy Safe Summer and my God bless all of you.

Linda Briggs

Committee Reports

Education Committee

April 4, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Finance Committee

April 4, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

April 11, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus

Health Committee

April 4, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Beth Alexander

Human Resources Committee

April 4, 2005

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

April 4, 2005

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander

Legislative Committee

April 4, 2005

Present: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

April 11, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

April 11, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus

Attention Chickasaw students: We are looking for you!



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Congratulations Graduates!

I send you my best regards with a special emphasis, because I too have a graduating senior at my home. My daughter, Mahate, will be graduating from college with a degree in biology. As Mahate, I am sure that all of you have looked forward to this day, whether you are graduating from high school or college. I am at a conference now on the recruitment and retention of students of

color. If you have not heard that terminology before, "students of color" refers to groups of students from Native American, African American, Hispanic, Asian descent.

As Native American graduates from high school or students in college, I want to assure you that institutions of higher education are looking for you for their diversity programs. At our conference, you are the topic of discussion. One saying I have heard repeated here is that students who fail to plan, plan to fail.

Please take the time at this very important juncture of your life to make plans for the future. As a student your age many years ago, I knew that I wanted to attend college. It was what I planned to do. You too can make that plan. We have many programs offered through the education division of the Chickasaw Nation that will be a help to you. We are doing more now than we ever have before. In our efforts

to reach outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries with services, our best efforts to date are in education. Please contact your counselors or call the 580-436-2603 and ask for the Education division. We want to help you. When you succeed, we also have succeeded.

The workshop I am now attending has you as the topic. We are looking for you. We need you for our future. We need you to give back to your community through your education pursuits. I encourage you, if you have not considered college, think about it. If you have made other worthwhile plans, carry out those plans. Whatever it is that you do, plan to be a success.

Your emails are encouraged. Let me know what you are doing. As a graduating senior, you can congratulate yourself on a job well done. I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Continuum of care study produces interesting results



Dean McManus

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Friends:
Hello! How are you? I hope you are all well.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has so faithfully prayed, called or visited my daughter, Cindy Bermudez, who has been in a coma since December 10, 2004. Your support will forever mean so much to me. Cindy is showing improvement and with God's help and will, she will return to me and her family.

I serve as chairman of the legislative Human Service Committee and sit on several boards. Here is a short report on the activities I've been involved

with.

Human Services Committee

The past three months we have approved new board members for the bank, the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., and the Chickasaw Historical Society. We are so fortunate to have such qualified and experienced Chickasaw people willing to volunteer their time and expertise to sit on these boards. It takes dedicated people who love our nation and people to make sure our nation moves forward and our culture is protected.

Our committee just completed

a feasibility study, which had as its goal seeking the people's opinions on the tribe providing a culturally sensitive continuum of care and quality of life for our elder and disabled citizens. This study was done because we were receiving requests from elders for a nursing home.

The defining perimeters for continuum of care include independent living centers, adult day care, home health, assisted living, skilled care unit, rehabilitation unit and nursing home. The findings and recommendations of the study show that elders and the disabled have as their number one priority, an independent living facility. The following are the results of their indicated needs and priorities: No. 2 priority, adult day care; No. 3 priority, home health; No. 4 priority, assisted living; No. 5 priority, rehabilitation unit; and No. 6 priority, a nursing home.

These results indicate that there may be a possibility that the respondents answered the survey according to their immediate needs, rather than their future needs.

Chickasaw disabled and elders were surveyed in all districts, including the Oklahoma City area. Over 80% of the elders said that they would not be willing to move to another district or town for nursing home care. Another interesting result is if the facility is for Indian occupancy only, Medicare and Medicaid cannot be billed for services provided by a tribal nursing home.

I had so hoped for a nursing home where our elders could live in comfort with the companionship of friends with cultural activities. We are simply not where we want to be, but we are one step closer.

National Indian Council on Aging

As a board member of the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA), it was a privilege to help in selecting the next executive director, Ms. Tracy L. McClellan, a Cherokee from Oklahoma. Maybe non-reservation tribes can expect more consideration now! (*I'm just kidding.*)

The NICOA conference is going to be in Tulsa, Oklahoma in

September of next year. Please begin making your plans now to attend. This year we want the conference to be special: It is the council's 30th anniversary for the NICOA board. We will honor those who worked so hard to get NICOA where it is today. I will print the agenda for the conference in the near future. With Oklahoma tribes hosting this conference, it will surely be the best ever!

Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes

I am very proud to be a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. This is one of the most prestigious and respected Indian organizations in the United States. The five tribes, consisting of the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, have five members on the council to represent each tribe. Together, the council represents more than 450,000 Native Americans, and that is no small number! When the council speaks, everyone listens, even Congress and the White House! During this quarter's meeting, the council adopted resolutions supporting and endorsing two language preservation programs. The council works hard at preserving the culture of each member tribe.

Chickasaw Cultural Center

I am also a member of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center Advisory Committee. In January, the legislature approved the Phase II budget in the amount of \$9,875,455.

This is such an exciting project! You just cannot imagine how much work has already been done and is being done to make this dream come true. The expected start-up for construction is June of this year, starting with the road work and utilities already under way. The construction is estimated to last 18-24 months.

There are so many exciting things happening in the Chickasaw Nation! It is great to be Chickasaw!

New physicians at clinics; new pharmacy distribution center to be built adjacent to Carl Albert



Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! May is an exciting time for our Chickasaw students! I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and much success to each of you graduating seniors in the years ahead, whether your plans are to further your education or go into your career choice. We appreciate the effort you put into your studies and we are proud of you.

Spring is such a beautiful time if the year. We hope all of you are doing well health wise. Speaking of our health

care needs, we appreciate so very much Dr. Marcia Matthews coming on board early and seeing patients in the Ardmore Clinic as Dr. James Moody delayed his date of employment until April 25. Dr. Matthews reported to her permanent assignment at the Tishomingo Clinic on April 10.

Our Health System Administrator, Bill Lance, reported that plans have been finalized for the new pharmacy distribution center to be built on the property currently occupied by the ball field just west of the Abbott-Miller complex. We are getting more excited each day as the time nears to finally get the center built. Mr. Lance also provided the following information about the Health System.

In the month of March, 2005, there were 221 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and a 3-month total of 679. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,971 and a 3-month total of 42,240. March Emergency Room visits were 1,054 and a 3-month total of 3,327. March saw 292 surgeries and a 3-month total of 781. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,910 patients and a 3-month total of

9,751.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,936 patients in March and a 3-month total of 10,576. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,930 patients and a 3-month total of 8,904 and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,734 and a 3-month total of 7,659. The Durant Clinic saw 2,721 and a 3-month total of 7,650 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,280 and a 3-month total of 3,063.

The total number of visits by ambulatory patients in all clinics for the 3-month period ending on March 31 is 80,102. It makes me proud that our Health System is able to provide so much health care to our citizens and our Native American neighbors.

Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

Chickasaw success far up the scale



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Chukma!

I have recently returned from a six-day working trip to Albuquerque where the classes were regarding violence against women. This is a tremendous problem in our country. The problem manifests itself in all types of households. Whether a family has many or few resources does not matter. Violence against women can happen anywhere. We are fortunate in the Chickasaw Nation to have a violence prevention office to assist Chickasaw women who are victims. We also have a

Peacemaking Court where the adversarial aspect of separation is moderated and tolerance is encouraged.

Another thing I learned in Albuquerque is how fortunate we are to be a part of the Chickasaw Nation. We are so far along the scale of success in comparison with other tribes. I would have to say we are "head and shoulders" above most. So much of our success can be attributed to Governor Bill Anoatubby. He is a good instructor and an excellent administrator, and he has had the wisdom to put together a good team to carry out the important projects for the Chickasaw people. Our tribe has grown so much, it is much too big for one person. Gov. Anoatubby really pulls everything together and makes it all work.

I continue to be concerned about the threat to our American population of wild horses. I have much love for horses. Many of the wild horses have been transported to our area and I regularly drive past about 200 wild horses close to my home. They are beautiful and proud animals. I think all Indians hold a special place in their hearts

for the wild horses. I am hopeful we will continue to work to become involved in preserving these majestic creatures.

Please remember we have many education programs to help Chickasaws and others improve their learning and their lives. We have a terrific GED program with classes at convenient times throughout the week, plus the GED lab is open every evening. A GED is a great way to learn, and to make your future better.

In addition to the many education funding programs through the tribe, remember the Chickasaw Foundation offers some wonderful scholarships. Most scholarships are for Chickasaw college and graduate students and the deadline for applications is June 1. Call the Foundation today at (580) 421-9030. A scholarship could be waiting for you!

Many blessings to each and every Chickasaw. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Chickasaw language preservation critically important to our culture



Scott Colbert

Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

For the better part of this year, some 23 Chickasaw language enthusiasts have studied and prepared for the further revitalization of the Chickasaw language through facilitation and teaching methods. These facilitators and teachers are from all walks of life. Most, but not all, are Chickasaw, young and not so young, some with formal education and some without, some can speak the language and some speak no Chickasaw. All share a common goal of preserving and revitalizing the Chickasaw language. In its April meeting, and in support of this mission, the tribal legislature approved the following resolution:

General Resolutions Number 22-042

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has seen our elders who speak the language grow older and inevitably pass on, and

WHEREAS, throughout the past year Chickasaws young and old, from within every Chickasaw District and from without the Nation have united a cause for revitalization of the Chickasaw Nation.

NOW, THEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby endorses and commits itself to further Chickasaw language revitalization efforts of those

dedicated speakers and teachers for without the language there may be no culture and tradition there can be no separate identity as a people.

Some of the more practical tools and ideas that may be used, considered and adopted by the teachers and facilitators in furthering their mission include adopting some uniform rules throughout the nation in pronunciation, spelling and word and phrase usage, among many others.

While many of the speakers use different pronunciation (dialects), spelling and word and phrase usage, they take their language dialect with a stronger heart and as the correct way to speak, in our very own newspaper, in language exchanges between speakers, on the internet and web sites and in the books and literature for study. Some speakers and elders would say that this is in of itself a part of culture and uniqueness of the Chickasaw language and should not be changed by uniform rules.

Regardless of any decisions about the language, if the language dies our separate identity as a distinct culture also dies. Let's be patient, understanding, generous and supportive of the facilitators and teachers in their pursuit of revitalization of the language.

A Cherokee professor of Native American Language Studies at Oklahoma University, Dr. Durbin Feeling, said it best to the Chickasaw student speakers "The Chickasaw people are the unconquered and unconquerable, don't let the differences conquer the teaching spirit Che pisa la cho." *Contributed by Tishomingo District Legislator Scott Colbert*

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u>		Seat #	Seat #
Seat #			
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 436-9882 hollye@tds.net	1. Wilson Seawright P.O. Box 83 Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 223-3358	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960	
2. Judy Parker 20565 CR3560 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73453 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818	
3. Melvin Burris 21050 CR 1620 Stonewall, OK 74871 (580) 265-4285	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523	
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottdes@telepath.com		
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394			

Panola District

- Seat #
1. Beth Alexander
Box 246
Achille, OK 74720
(580) 283-3409

Tishomingo District

Pickens District

Native American Junior Open slated for May

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Native American Junior Open is scheduled for May 31 at the Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

The event is open to all Native American students, ages eight to 18. The top five Chickasaw participants and the top five Choctaw participants will qualify for play in the National Native American Junior Golf Championships, played annually in San Diego.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event and the tee time is 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Christ Alford at (580) 272-5551 or Shannon Campbell at (580) 310-6620.



April 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 22-035 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing .028 acres, more or less, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as Lot 1, Block 75 in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The

Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-036 Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Bob Engle

Explanation: The resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bob Engle to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Engle will fill the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Aaron Duck, who has resigned.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the term of office of each board member shall be three years.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman, Human Resources Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-037 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real

property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, and described as Lots, 5,6,7,8 and 9 in Block 174, City of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, and East 45 feet of lots, 1,2,3 and 4 Block 175, City of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, and Lots 9 and 10 and Part of Lot 8, described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of said Lot 8, thence North with West Lot line 20 feet; thence East Parallel with North Lot Line 36.5 feet; thence South Parallel West Lot Line 36.5 feet to the place beginning, all in Block 155, in the original Townsite of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Parker, Chairman, Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No Votes: Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 22-0038 Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., 4600 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903, has submitted an acceptable bid of \$103.28 per acre for a total bonus of \$206.56, of which the Chickasaw Nation *See Resolutions, page 19*

Students honored at After School Arts Program reception



Proud mother Jeannie Barbour, left, and grandmother Barbara Barbour pose with Micah Hart in front of mask he made in the after school arts program.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Masks made by participants in the after school arts program were the focal point of activities during a recent reception for friends and family.

One of several art projects completed by participants, the fired clay masks drew praise from many in attendance.

While such praise might be expected from friends and family members, the quality of the finished product is evidenced by the fact that noted Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen not only admired the masks during a recent visit, but also offered to buy two of them.

Art students Cheyenne and Cherokee Durant were honored,

but refused to sell, and offered the masks as a gift to Mr. Larsen instead.

After school arts program participants honored on the reception program are listed below, along with information they provided about themselves.

Megan Beach, 10 is a fourth grader at Washington Elementary. Her favorite subjects are math and reading. She enjoys baseball. She would like to become an art teacher.

Brandon L. Clifton, 10, is in fourth grade at Washington Elementary. His favorite subject is math. He likes basketball, baseball, football, soccer and

tetherball. One day, Brandon wants to be a professional football player in the NFL.

Shelby L. Clifton, 13, is in eighth grade at Ada Junior High School. Her favorite subjects are reading, keyboarding and band. She enjoys art and swimming and loves to play golf. She wants to become all she can be.

Cherokee Durant, 13, is a seventh grade student at Pickett Center. Her favorite subjects are science, reading, social studies, art and music. She enjoys dancing, basketball, poetry and studying animals. One day, Cherokee would like to be a zoologist.

Cheyenne E. Durant, 13, attends the seventh grade at Pickett Center. Her favorite subjects are science, reading, art and history. Her hobbies include raising animals, competing in art and sport contests and exploring new places. Cheyenne wants to become a zoologist and save endangered animals.

Katie Goodnight, nine, is in third grade at Washington Elementary. Her favorite subjects are math, history and reading. She enjoys running, swimming, and singing. She wants to be the best she can be and help other people realize their potential.

Madie Goodnight, nine, is in the third grade at Washington Elementary. Her favorite subjects

are music, spelling, computers, art and recess. She enjoys swimming, drawing and singing. Her future goal is simply to be the best she can be.

Micah Hart, 11, is in fifth grade at Willard Elementary. He likes reading, science and language, art and writing. One day he wants to be a horror movie director.

Jennifer N. Hood, is in ninth grade at Byng Junior High School. Her favorite subjects are math, reading, home economics and American government. She enjoys reaching her AR goals in reading, as well as playing basketball and soccer.

Derrick Jackson, nine, is in third grade at Homer School. He likes recess, reading and math. His favorite hobbies are baseball, basketball and football.

Mariah Johnson, 10, is in fourth grade at Pickett Center. She loves math, reading,

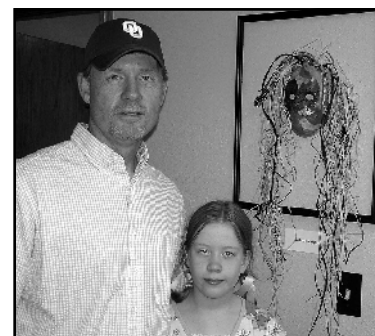
spelling and art. She also likes collecting rocks and stamps. Mariah wants to find a career helping other people live up to their potential.

Quannah J. Lindsey, 12, is in sixth grade at Byng Elementary. He likes science and math. He also enjoys track and playing golf. Quannah wants to be a pilot.

Sequoyah Lindsey, 10, is in the third grade. His favorite subject is math. He enjoys sports, especially football.

Colton Myers, 11, is in fourth grade at Byng Elementary. His favorite subject is physical education. He enjoys basketball and baseball. He would like to become a professional basketball player.

Courtney Parchcorn is in ninth grade at Byng Junior High School. She is active in band and freshman choir. She plays clarinet and keyboard. She enjoys art.



Katie, left, and Madie Goodnight pose with their dad Stan with the masks they made in the after school arts pro-



Peacemaking Court to open with May 19 ceremony



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

April has been a very exciting month for the Judicial Department.

SUPREME COURT NEWS

We have completed the Peacemaking brochure; this will introduce you to our Peacemakers and will provide you with information for the Peacemaking Court. Additionally, the brochure will explain the Peacemaking process as adapted to our current court system. The brochure includes pictures and biographies of each of our peacemakers. To commemorate the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Peacemaking Court we are planning a reception for May 19, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters conference room. Please stop by and meet our Chickasaw Peacemakers. The Peacemaking Court is a forum for resolving conflicts using Chickasaw traditions, customs, and culture as the basis for finding peace in the resolution.

The Judicial Department is very happy to announce the establishment of a Scholarship. We are honored to be able to give back to the Chickasaw community and to assist our

Chickasaw citizens with a scholarship to further their education. The scholarship is called the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department Scholarship. This scholarship has been established for Chickasaw students who are interested in pursuing a career in the legal field. The scholarship is an award of \$500.00 per year for an upcoming student attending a college or university that is majoring in legal studies or to a student attending law school. For more information and an application please contact Johnna Walker at (580) 436-2603.

I attended the Annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum held on March 31, 2005, at East Central University. The 2005 Dynamic Women panelists were Lisa John, Thalia Miller and Dr. Judy Lee Oliva and the moderator was Sandi Sanders. Eula Pearl Carter-Scott was remembered at the forum. She has been a great influence on many Chickasaw citizens and truly has always exemplified a dynamic woman in the Chickasaw Nation. She will be forever remembered and missed. The Chickasaw Nation has a lot of dynamic women who are outstanding leaders and who do wonderful work for the Chickasaw Nation and I am grateful to have crossed your path and say thank you.

I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you who came by our booth at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair on April 2, 2005. We had a great time meeting you and your children.

The Chickasaw Nation Judi-

cial Branch had the privilege of hosting a conference with the National Judicial College at the OU Law Center April 25, 26, and 27, 2005. The conference was titled, "Practical Approaches to Family Issues in Tribal Court". Some topics discussed at the conference were: Jurisdictional Issues, Indian Child Welfare Act, and Case Management Strategies. The Chickasaw Nation is proud to be the first Native American tribe in Oklahoma to have the opportunity to co-host a conference with the National Judicial College at OU.

We currently have 62 Chickasaw Nation Bar Association members. If you would like an application to become a member of the bar association, please contact the Supreme Court, (580) 235-0281. We are updating our web page so check at www.chickasaw.net

for more information on the Bar Association.

Justice Barbara Smith will be attending a meeting in Reno, Nevada at the National Judicial College during the week of May 9-12, 2005, titled Dispute Resolution Techniques for Tribal Justice Systems Curriculum Development and Tribal Faculty Development Workshop. These are two (2) different meetings. A small number of Tribal Judges have been invited to attend from all over the United States. Justice Smith was chosen to attend and also invited to be a part of the National Judicial College. Justice Smith is honored by the invitation.

It is a privilege and honor to

serve the Chickasaw citizens.



Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred assists children at the Judicial Branch booth at Children's Fair April 2, 2005.

Chickasaw District Court news

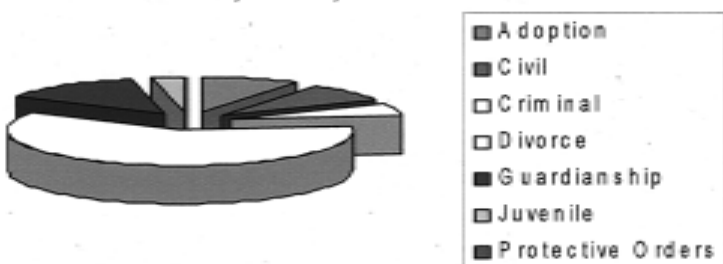
I would like to invite each of you to visit the Chickasaw Nation District Court at 1500 N. Country Club, Ada, Oklahoma for assistance and guidance with your legal issues. District Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin and Deputy Court Clerk, Tamara Dresser, are available to serve you Monday thru Friday 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00. You may also contact them by calling: 580-235-0279. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a Court Advocate, just drop by or give them a call and they will be happy to schedule a time for you. The court is in session each Tuesday effective April 1, 2005, unless otherwise posted.

The District Court had a total

of 39 new cases filed in March, 2005. This brings the total of active cases in the District Court to 2,330. The Court Advocates were kept busy assisting 111 individuals with their legal issues. The Advocates have seen 292 citizens in the first three months of 2005 and are looking forward to being available for you in the coming months.

In closing, I would just like to say, "thank you" to all of my Chickasaw friends and family for making the Chickasaw court system such a success. Your continued support will be the cornerstone for the growth of the Judicial Branch, and the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and District Court.

**TOTAL NEW CASES FILED
JAN., FEB., & MAR. 2005**



Total cases filed in 2005

Adoption	9
Civil	8
Criminal	6
Divorce	58
Guardianship	13
Juvenile	3
Protective Orders	0
Total	97

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Indian Cultural Center set for 2005 groundbreaking

A \$33 million revenue bond issue to help fund construction of the American Indian Cultural Center will go on sale in May thanks to contributions from many of the tribes in Oklahoma.

The bond issue is part of \$66 million in matching funds required to free up \$33 million in federal funding for the center authorized by Congress in 2002.

The Oklahoma Legislature voted in 2003 to authorize the sale of the bonds. That legislation required the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority to acquire funding for the first three years of debt service, approximately \$3.2 to \$3.4 million.

Thanks primarily to the efforts of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations and the

Eastern Shawnee, Quapaw and Miami tribes, that requirement is being met.

"Several tribes in the state have really taken a leading role in making pledges and raising funds from private donors in the state," said Tommy Thompson, director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority. "It has been a long wait, but closing on the bond sale in May will allow us to begin construction and actually see this dream becoming reality."

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be scheduled in late summer or early fall, and the center, scheduled to open in late 2007, should be a major part of Oklahoma's year-long centennial celebration, according to Thompson.

Current plans for the facility

include woodland, plains and wetlands areas featuring trees and plants native to the area as well as a lake extending the entire length of the site.

"Native American culture and heritage are intimately connected with the land," said Thompson. "We will begin with preparation of our outdoor areas, because so much of the story of the 39 tribes in Oklahoma has its origins there."

Plans also include a museum, theaters, galleries, meeting and convention center, hotels, and more.

It is to be located on approximately 300 acres southeast of the intersection of Interstate 35 and Interstate 40. Oklahoma City has agreed to lease the land to the authority for \$1 per year for 50 years.

In addition to the land, Oklahoma City has also made a commitment of \$5 million to the project through its Community Development Block Grant Program.

Pledges from \$25,000 to \$100,000 have also come from a number of businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the state.

"It is truly moving to take another step toward realizing the dream of a center which will faithfully honor and preserve the Native American culture and heritage which is such an important part of our nation's history," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority. "For years, many people have shared this vision, and it seems only appropriate that this

kind of cooperative effort will be responsible for creating this one-of-a-kind facility."

While tribal and private donors have already pledged more than \$2 million, there is still ample opportunity to participate in this historic undertaking.

Those wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority may do so by contacting the NACEA at (405) 815-5153 or mailing a contribution to NACEA, 900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73104-3234.

Plans to build a wall of honor at the cultural center or finding another appropriate way to recognize contributors are being discussed.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribal operations produce 19 percent net asset increase

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and governor's and Lt.

governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Difference between beginning balance at March 31, 2005 and the ending balance last month are year end audit adjustments.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$2.7 million for the month and \$32.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$1.5 million and \$12.9 million year-to-date including \$2 million transferred to Housing Construction and Loan programs as authorized by GR 21-075. Year-to-date, a total of \$11.3 million of the transfer

from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$207.6 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$57.8 million for the year-to-date.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2005, the tribal government's net assets were \$304.7 million.

million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$7.7 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had \$57.4 million in cash and investments of which \$22 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$22 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of March 31, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling \$327.9 million with \$23.2 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$304.7 million compared to \$254.8 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$49 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
\$ 4,954,343	207,564,187	212,518,530	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	27,222,000	(27,222,000)	-
Total funds available	32,176,343	180,342,187	212,518,530
Expenditures			
General government	2,394,560		2,394,560
Legislature	639,569		639,569
Judiciary	255,507		255,507
Education	1,851,953		1,851,953
Heritage Preservation	1,040,390		1,040,390
Health	2,068,944		2,068,944
Youth and Family Services	862,330		862,330
Nutrition Programs	943,728		943,728
Regulatory	231,997		231,997
Assistance Programs	605,664		605,664
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		93,464,737	93,464,737
Other businesses' expense		56,244,400	56,244,400
Total expenditures	12,894,642	149,709,137	162,603,779
Increase in net assets	19,281,701	30,633,050	49,914,751
Beginning net assets	104,203,175	150,617,130	254,820,305
Ending net assets	\$ 123,484,876	181,250,180	304,735,056

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 38,968,402	57,374,109	96,342,511
Receivables	1,154,557	10,110,944	11,265,501
Inventory		4,087,676	4,087,676
Prepaid expenses		4,656,257	4,656,257
Other Assets		18,768,066	18,768,066
Fixed assets	83,728,345	109,077,986	192,806,331
Less payables	(366,426)	(22,824,858)	(23,191,286)
Net Assets	\$ 123,484,876	181,250,180	304,735,056

Chickasaws win awards at Native American Youth Language Fair

NORMAN, Okla. - Chickasaw students brought home a total of six awards from the Third Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. The event was Monday, April 4 at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman.

"We are very proud of the students who demonstrated their knowledge of the Chickasaw language at this event," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "These young people are an important asset in helping preserve our language and culture for generations to come."

Students from the Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start program placed second in the preschool through second grade spoken word category for their presentation which included a greeting, introduction, counting naming animals and colors as well as "The Body Part Song."

Students left the stage with "cha pisa la cho," a Chickasaw phrase which means "see you later."

A group of students from the Purcell area won five individual and group awards at the event.

Keith Shackleford, Chickasaw, has been teaching Chickasaw to Purcell group members.

Skye and Brooke Shackleford

won first place in the sixth through eighth grade spoken word division for their original skit, Inukchito Itibapishi.

Joel Hamdy won first place in the sixth through eighth grade book making category and second place in the poster category.

Katy Shackleford and Cari Spain won third place in the third through fifth grade spoken word division.

Katy Shackleford also won third place in the book making category in her age division.

More than 500 students from across the state took part, as well as one group that traveled from New Mexico.

As many as 18 Native languages were represented at the event.

This is the first year the Chickasaw Nation Head Start has competed, and the second year for the Chickasaw group from Purcell.

"This is a fun day for all the kids," says Mary Linn, curator of Native American Languages the Noble Museum, "They really get confident when they hear the other kids cheering for them. It's a great atmosphere of sharing and support."

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Chickasaw students from Purcell pose with awards they won at the Native American Youth Language Fair, April 14. The students are, front row from left, Katy Shackleford, 3rd grade, Dale Shackleford, kindergarten. Middle row from left, Cari Spain, 5th grade, Brooke Shackleford, 6th grade, Skye Shackleford, 6th grade. Back row from left, Keith Shackleford, instructor, Joel Hamdy, 8th grade, Amanda Shackleford, 8th grade, Janis Taliaferro, 7th grade and Conrad Taliaferro.



Dale Shackleford demonstrates a phone conversation during the language fair.



Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start students won second place in the preschool through second grade spoken word division at the Native American Youth Language Fair April 4. Bottom row from left, Cheyenne Watson, Daniela Hernandez, Connor O'Neal, Juan Rosas, Enrique Arguello, Felipe Alvarez and Erika Guterrez. Top row from left, Tristian Brown, Zoie Garrett, Azalan Stowers, Alejandro Gonzalez, Jordan Herndon, Analay Olvera, Darius Seals, Cole McAlister. Not pictured, Sarah Garrison, Andrew Hughes, Trey Hughes and Faye Lynn Willis.

Governor Anoatubby appointed to state health care board



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry appointed Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority board of directors April 18.

Created by the state legislature in 1994 and implemented Jan. 1, 1995, the OHCA is the designated Medicaid agency for the state.

Comprised of health professionals, providers, advocates and elected officials, the board meets monthly to direct the action and to oversee the operations of the OHCA.

"It is an honor to be appointed to this board," said Governor

Anoatubby. "I look forward to working with other board members to ensure we maintain an efficient, cost-effective system which provides all Oklahomans with access to the highest quality health care services possible."

Governor Anoatubby also serves at the state and national levels in various positions of volunteer leadership.

A few of his wide ranging activities include service as Chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority; a trustee for the Morris K. Udall Foundation and Oklahoma City University; member of Fannie Mae's National Advisory Council; board member of the Oklahoma State Board for Easter Seals and Crippled Children; Leadership Oklahoma; Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence; Oklahoma Academy for State Goals; member of Governor Henry's Task Force on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence; along with many others.

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Brandon Battice celebrated his 12th birthday April 8, 2005 and **Drew Battice** celebrated his fourth birthday April 16, 2005. They celebrated with family and friends.

Brandon is a fifth grader at Jefferson Elementary School, Ardmore, Okla. He enjoys playing baseball. His favorite subjects are spelling and computers. He has been on the Governor's Honor Roll

since the second grade. He has been a member of the Jefferson Jazz at his school for three years. The Jefferson Jazz sing and dance to all kinds of songs and they practice very hard. They perform at many events throughout the year. He is a member of the Chickasaw Children's Choir whose most recent performance was at the JOM Conference at Tulsa. The group got to ride the Chickasaw Nation bus and they really enjoyed the ride.

Drew has chosen Spiderman as his birthday theme. He enjoys watching Spiderman, Power Rangers, Blues Clues and SpongeBob on t.v. His most favorite thing to do is play outside no matter what the weather is like. His favorite animal is a horse or "wheesee" as he calls it. He loves his big brother so much and they have a great time playing with each other.

Brandon and Drew are Chickasaw, Mississippi Choctaw and Choctaw.

They are the sons of David Battice and Gloria Carney, Ardmore.

They are the grandsons of Era Carney and Linda Battice, both of Ardmore. They are descendants of original enrollee Joe Underwood

Lilli Mayan Eddy celebrated her first birthday Feb. 17, 2004.

She is the daughter of Deneka and Corey Eddy, Pontotoc, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Lee and Ina Pettigrew, Ada, Okla., Gayle and Chuck Scott, Stratford, Okla., Houston and Dulayna Murray, Salisaw, Okla., and Gary and Elizabeth Eddy.

She is the great-granddaughter of Lillie Wisdom, whom she is named after, a full-blood Chickasaw.

We treasure the time we get to spend with her and the joy and happiness she brings in our life.

Lilli likes to spend the day in her Papaw's arms. She is Papaw's special little girl.

We love you very much!

Mommy, daddy, Memaw and Papaw



Morgan Gothard

Morgan Amber Gothard celebrated her first birthday March 8, 2005.

She is a very special baby, always smiling and always happy. The world is a much better place with Morgan in it. She makes you laugh when she gives you her double wink with her eyes.

She is the daughter of Jeremy and Roxanne Gothard and baby sister to 4-year-old twins Gracie and Serenity.

She is the granddaughter of Rocky and Georgie (Brown) Shaw, of Shawnee, Okla., and Gary and Linda Gothard of Kingston, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Roger Shaw and Laura Pipkin of Oakland, Caroline Krebbs of Tishomingo, Okla., Gil and Ann Gothard of Kingston and Glen and Jane Carmer of Muskogee, Okla.

Morgan's dad is in the U.S. Army and recently returned



Josilyn Michelle Eddy celebrated her second birthday Feb. 3, 2005.

She is the daughter of Deneka and Corey Eddy, Pontotoc, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Lee and Ina Pettigrew, Ada, Okla., Gayle and Chuck Scott, Stratford, Okla., Houston and Dulayna Murray, Salisaw, Okla., and Gary and Elizabeth Eddy. She is the great-granddaughter of Lillie Wisdom, full-blood Chickasaw.

She is such a joy to us all and we love to watch her grow and learn new things each day.

Chloe Ella Grace Miller celebrated her first birthday March 8, 2005 at Wintersmith Lodge, Ada, Okla., with family and friends.

Chloe is the daughter of Marsha Miller and the granddaughter of Faye Miller and the late Jimmy Miller.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Jess and Maggie Miller, Ella Hisaw and the late Ben Hisaw. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Bina Owens.



Lilli Eddy

Chayton Phillip James Gambel celebrated his first birthday Jan. 21, 2005 with his family and friends. He celebrated with a "Winnie the Pooh and Friends" theme and had a lot of fun with the cake.

Chayton is the son of Juston and Angela Gambel, Madill, Okla.

He is the grandson of Janet Hart, Madill, Craig and Gwen Gambel, Cumberland Cove, Okla., and Mike and Rita Dunn, Tishomingo, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Jerri Flint, Madill, Richard Hudson, Winterhaven, Fla., and Margorie Olson, Shepard, Mich.

He has two sisters, Amara and Keely Ingle.



Chloe Miller

Births



Johnathan Davis

Johnathan Lee Davis was born Dec. 29, 2004. He weighed 6 lbs., 3 ozs., and measured 18 3/4 inches.

He is the son of Richard and Deborah Davis, Garland, Texas.

He is the grandson of Gene and Sharon Davis, Dallas. He is the great-grandson of the late Lee Howard Davis and the great-great-grandson of Oscar



Jaysun Edwards

Jaysun Edwards was born March 7, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

He is the son of Justin and Jeana Edwards. He has two brothers, Johnathan Paul and Jacob Taylor Edwards.

He is the grandson of Pam Aguilar, Eldon Edwards, Lou George Carlton and Doneita Walton. He is the great-grandson of Dalores Willie Knighten.

Sparlin named outstanding Early Childhood major



Clarice Sparlin

A Chickasaw student recently received recognition for her academic work at East Central

University.

During the Spring Reception and Awards Ceremony on April 21, 2005 sponsored by the East Central University Department of Education, the Student Education Association and the Student Council for Exceptional Children, Clarice Sparlin was awarded the "Outstanding Early Childhood Major Award" presented by Dr. Allene Warren.

Ms. Sparlin began her studies at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., where she received her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood. She has

continued her studies at East Central University. She receives her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood in May 2005.

Ms. Sparlin is the very first student to complete the whole program of Early Childhood, which is set up as an articulation agreement between Murray State College and East Central University.

Ms. Sparlin and her two children, Trey, seven and Caitlynn, five, live in Tishomingo. She is Chickasaw and the daughter of Delores Monetathchi, of Tishomingo.

Walsh first in competition



Cherri Walsh

Cherri Walsh, a Chickasaw, is a nursing student at Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, Okla. Cherri placed first in the Health Occupations Students of America competition on April 14, 2005, in Oklahoma City. Since winning first place she will be traveling to Nashville, Tenn., to compete in the finals competition in June.

Cherri is assisted by the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology Department. We are very proud of her and wish her luck in Nashville.

Jennifer and Lawana

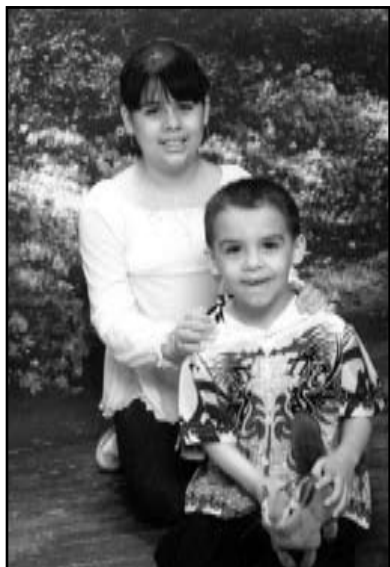
Heather Matthews

Heather Matthews is the adopted daughter of Marie Matthews and the late John Matthews. She is the great-granddaughter of Oscar and Josephine Matthews and sister to Tiffany Medrano.

My sister is my pride and joy because she overcame a very hard time in her life, to become the beautiful strong young lady that she



Stephen and Taylor Medrano



Stephen and Taylor Medrano are the children of Carlos and Tiffany Medrano. They are the grandchildren of John and Marie Matthews and the great-grandchildren of Oscar and Josephine Matthews.

They are our pride and joy because they make every day worth living.



My pride and joy are my two granddaughters, Mary Faith McEntire and Lillyan Kaye Hopper.

Mary was born Sept. 29, 1996. She is the daughter of Suzanne Lyda of Coalgate, Okla., and Heath McEntire of Wardville, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Phyllis Lyda and Merlin Lyda both of Coalgate. Great-grandparents are the late John D and Mary (Fulsom) Lyda and the late Levi and Flora Twiss of Manderson, S.D.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Cleo McEntire of Wardville, Okla. Great-grandparents are Bob and Nellie McEntire.

We encourage Mary to learn her Chickasaw heritage and we want to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all the assistance they have given Mary. You are truly blessed.

Lillyan Kaye Hopper was born on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2003 at Carl Albert Hospital.

She is the daughter of Jonna Lyda and Jim Hopper, of Lawrence, Kan.

Maternal grandparents are Phyllis Lyda and Merlin Lyda, both of Coalgate. Great-grandparents are the late Levi and Flora Twiss of Manderson, S.D., and the late John D and Mary (Fulsom) Lyda.

Paternal grandparents are Terry Kater of Wichita, Kan., and the late Jolen Hopper. Great-grandparents are Jim and Oney K Timmis, of Udall, Kan.

Cole announces ICDBG grant

WASHINGTON- U.S. Rep Tom Cole (R-Okla.) has announced the award of a \$800,000 grant to the Chickasaw Nation for the Indian Community Block Grant Program. The primary purpose of this program is to invest in viable low and moderate income Native American



communities.

"I am very pleased that the Chickasaw Nation is taking advantage of this program to further develop their community," Rep. Cole said. "This grant will help create decent housing opportunities, a suitable living environment and other economic opportunities for the Chickasaw Nation."

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Elders' retreat set for May 24, 25

The 2005 Chickasaw Nation Elders' Retreat will be May 24 and 25 at the Lake Texoma Lodge.

This year's retreat will have a different format than previous years. The first day will feature a resource fair with information and resources for seniors. The second day will be workshops and speakers.

For more information, contact the Division on Aging at (580) 795-9790.



Chickasaw FFA students do well in Love County Junior Livestock Show



Amanda Jones



Amanda Jones, a Chickasaw, and an FFA member at Thackerville High School, with her grand champion steer.



The Chickasaw Nation had great representation at the Love County Junior Livestock Show in early March with five students exhibiting livestock. Chickasaw participants included front row from left, Ashley Jones, Colton McGehee. Back row from left, Amanda Jones, Callie Jones and Kelsey Jones.

Photos courtesy of the Marietta Moni-

Gray, Humphers exchange vows in Arkansas ceremony

Jennifer C. Gray, Ada, Okla., and Jon M. Humphers, Stonewall, Okla., were united in marriage Feb. 14, 2005 at the Thorncrown Chapel, Eureka Springs, Ark. Doug Reid officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Carl Gray and Carla Gray, both of Ada and the granddaughter of Joe and Jane Gray, Ada, and Marvell Seeley, Connerville, Okla.

The bridegroom, 1/8 Chickasaw, is the son of Randall and Jodie Humphers, Stonewall. He is the grandson of E.O. and the late Pauline Humphers, Stonewall, and the late Elmer and Lucille Barnes, and the late E.C. Painter, Ada.

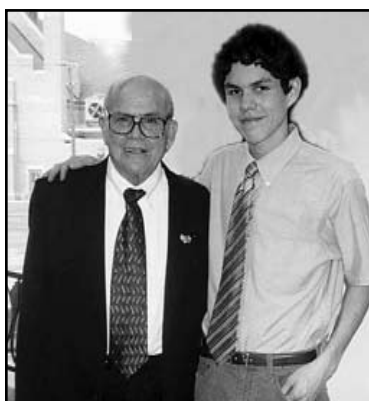
The couple makes their home in Ada where the bride



Mr. and Mrs. John Humphers

in employed at SmartStyle and the groom, a senior at East Central University, is employed at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada.

Chickasaw pianist wins district music festival competi-



Wyas Parker, Bill Go-

Wyas Goforth Parker, son of Don and Judy Parker and grandson of Bill and Nell Goforth, is the 2005 winner for District VI in the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs Festival. Wyas has won a superior in piano for the past 10 years as an Federation participant. In 2004, he was deemed the winner of District VI in the Junior Division and was Honorable Mention in the 2004 statewide competition.

As a winner, he will now compete at the Southern Nazarene University on Saturday, April 30th. Wyas was also selected as one of four students to play with the French concert pianist Hughues Leclere. Mr. Leclere presented a master class to the four piano students at ECU April 26.

PV Council to meet on first Tuesday; beading to be taught

The Pauls Valley Chickasaw Council invites all American Indians of Garvin County to its meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce located at 112 E. Paul Street. The program will be on beading, with hands-on instruction. Attendees will make earrings and key fobs. The council meets the first Tuesday each month, with a program and refreshments. At the June meeting, the group will make beaded collars and do straight

beading. Also, the history of beading will be discussed.

In July, the group will bring pictures and memories of families to share with the group. Anyone with these things are encouraged to participate! All ages and all tribes are invited to attend.

For more information, call Don Somers, 405-665-2828, or Pauline Rodke, 405-484-7219. Citizenship applications and websites for tracing your family tree are available.

Chickasaw language classes upcoming

Students interested in learning Chickasaw are encouraged to apply now for language classes which will be conducted in several communities across the Chickasaw Nation this summer.

Teaching teams, each consisting of a fluent speaker and a facilitator, will lead the classes. Several fluent speakers have agreed to teach, but fluent speakers willing to teach in the Ardmore, Sulphur and Duncan areas are needed.

Teachers will utilize a variety of teaching methods designed to motivate students and make classes more interesting.

While classes will vary from community to community, each will include aspects of Chickasaw culture, heritage and history as well as Chickasaw language.

Class activities may include meals, field trips, storytelling and a variety of other hands-on experiences to enhance the learning experience.

Class times, dates and locations will be determined based on community interest and other relevant factors.

Those with some knowledge of the Chickasaw language are strongly encouraged to attend these classes, which will focus on improving proficiency in the language.

Anyone with an interest in learning Chickasaw, however, is welcome and will benefit from the classes.

For information, or to sign up for classes, contact Terri Haney at (580) 332-8478.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Monetathchi, Runyan exchange wedding vows near Ravia



**Mr. and Mrs. Shawn David Runyan
Rylee Ruff and Jacob Drinkard**

Nola Gayle Monetathchi, daughter of Ms. Delores Monetathchi, and mother of Jacob Drinkard, of Tishomingo, Okla., became the bride of Shawn David Runyan, son of John and Sandra Runyan of Madill, Okla., on March 12, 2005.

The outdoor western theme wedding was celebrated on the couple's homestead west of Ravia. Guests were escorted by Casey Cook, of Madill, and

Nick Frazier, of Tishomingo. Guests were seated on bales of hay.

The groom and his attendants rode up on horseback. The horses were tied to a handmade hitching rail built by the groom and his brother-in-law. The bride and her attendants arrived in a horse drawn wagon driven by Coleman Williams, of Madill.

The wedding was performed

by Rev. Eric Dennis, of Kingston, in front of a cedar arch built by the groom. Bales of hay and deep red roses completed the decorations. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her brother, Dusk Monetathchi, of Tishomingo. The maid of honor was sister of the bride, Clarice Sparlin, of Tishomingo.

The bridesmaids were cousin of the bride, Erin Underwood, of Ada, Sara Gore, of Durant and niece of the bride, Jordan Epps, Ada. The flower girl was Rylee Ruff, of Madill, niece of the groom.

The groom's party consisted of the best man, Chad Taylor, of Madill; and groomsmen Wayne Deaton, of Tishomingo, Johnny Raper and Todd Cook, of Madill. The ring bearer was Jacob Drinkard, son of the bride.

The bride's nephew, Jara Monetathchi, sang "God Bless the Broken Road" during the ceremony and the couple existed to "Sweet Home Alabama." The bride, groom and bride's son rode off into the sunset in the horse drawn wagon driven by Coleman Williams. The groom's attendants rode off on horseback.

The reception was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Reece and family, of Caddo with a barbeque dinner being served to guests in a large white tent decorated in red roses, black western hats and red lanterns. The wedding punch also provided by the Reece family, along with the bride's three tiered red velvet cake, decorated with red roses and the groom's cattle brand, made by a friend Carrie Sweeten and the groom's cake was a snicker cake made by his mother. The punch and cake was served by nieces of the bride, Jaisen and Janessa Monetathchi, of Tishomingo.

Chi Ka Sha

Reunion in June

June 23-26 are the dates for the 8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion at the Kullihoma Stomp Grounds. A Chickasaw cultural weekend featuring stickball game demonstration will be hosted.

For more information, contact Cultural Resources at (580) 332-8685.

A cowboy rehearsal dinner was provided by the groom's family. The meal was served at sunset and those attending ate by the light of lanterns.

The bride is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in biology and is presently attending East Central University to obtain a degree in exercise science. She will graduate in May and is also employed with the Chickasaw Na-

tion, Division of Aging Office in Ada. The groom is a graduate of SOSU and is employed with the Madill Public Schools as a teacher and coach.

Following a honeymoon to Jackson Hole, Wyoming where they enjoyed snowboarding and snowmobiling, the couple is making their home in Ravia.

Chickasaw earns law degree from Oklahoma City University



Rhonda Rudd

Rhonda Rudd will graduate in May with a Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law. She is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation and has received several scholarships from the tribe during both her undergraduate studies and her law school career.

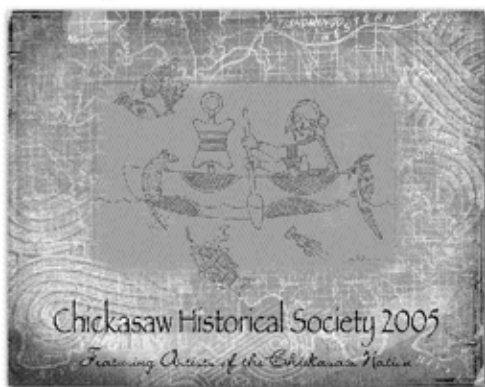
While in law school, Rudd worked with the Native American Legal Resource Center in the summer of 2004. Rudd plans to use the education she has gained to run for public office. She has filed as a candidate for State Senate District 46 in Oklahoma City.

Dale Carnegie Leadership graduate



Goldsby Gaming Center manager Ryan Sykes, center, receives his certificate of achievement upon completion of the Chickasaw Enterprises Dale Carnegie Leadership Training for Managers. At right is CE training director Bob Ferrill, and at left is CE Operations administrative assistant Lacey Huneycutt. Each CE manager completing the class presents an Innovation plan designed to produce savings for the group. Sykes presented a plan with estimated yearly savings of \$36,000.

2005 Chickasaw Artist Calendar



Cover art titled "Earth Diver" by Joshua Hinson

Featured Artists include:
Susie Johnston
Jeannie Barbour
Joshua Hinson
James Blackburn
Regina Walker
Harold Stick
Jerry Underwood
Norma Howard
Daniel Worcester
Drent Greenwood
Mike Lissen
Daniel Howard
Jovanna Underwood
Joyce Vinyard
Margaret Roach Wheeler
Lorie Robins



To place an order, please send check or money order in the amount of \$15.00, plus \$2.00 (.50 for each additional calendar) for shipping and handling, to: Chickasaw Historical Society, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821

For more information contact Jason Reed at (580) 436-2603, ext. 7302



Kelley appointed tribal Administrator for Administrative Services Division



Jalinda Kelley

Jalinda Kelley was recently appointed administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Administrative Services Division. She oversees 90 employees in departments including human resources, information technology, tribal governmental services, records management and policy and forms management.

Mrs. Kelley has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation for nine years, most of those as the director of human

resources.

Prior to coming to work for the tribe, she spent 10 years as personnel and human resources manager for Power Clinic. There, she gained extensive experience in payroll, insurance, employment, training and development.

"Our major focus in the administrative services division is the customer," said Mrs. Kelley. "We serve both internal and external customers. We consistently work to improve our service level to all of them."

Mrs. Kelley lives in Ada with her husband Rick. She has one son, Mikey, attending Ada High School, a daughter, Lindsey, attending East Central University, and a step daughter, Chelsea, who attends Dallas Baptist University.

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Farmers Market, continued from page 1

"The increased nutritional benefits for program recipients include healthier children, pregnant women and Native American elders in our communities," said Jennifer Hayes, FMNP coordinator. "Healthier recipients mean healthier infants and families. Healthier families lead to healthier lifestyles."

The Chickasaw Nation Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a program in which grants are awarded to states, U.S. territories and Indian tribal governments to provide coupons to low-income seniors that may be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs.

Seniors are allotted \$100 per year, per participant to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables through the program.

To qualify, seniors must be Native American, at least 60 years old, who meet income guidelines and receive services from a Chickasaw Nation Health System facility. Additional nutrition programs offer assistance to Chickasaw seniors and fully

disabled individuals.

Program participants receive checks to purchase produce at farmers' markets in Ada, Ardmore, Durant, Noble, Purcell, OSU/OKC and McAlester.

Communities with farms stands participating in the program include Sulphur, Tishomingo, Pauls Valley, Davis, Calvin, Duncan/Marlow, Comanche, Rush Springs, as well as others.

The number of farmers' markets in the United States has grown dramatically in recent years. In 2004, there were over 3,700 farmers markets operating in the United States. Sales generated by these markets have been estimated to exceed \$1 billion a year, with most of the money going directly to small family farms.

Applications for the farmers' market programs are available by calling (888) 436-7255 or applications can be picked up at tribal nutrition centers in Ada, Ardmore or Purcell.

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Department renamed Child Support Services

To more accurately reflect the range of services offered, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement has changed its name to the Department of Child Support Services.

"Our department is more than a collection agency, but also lends direction to clients who need services from another department within the tribe," said Child Support Services director Jerry Sweet. "Within our office, we focus on the positive outcome in all child support cases to where it is a win-win situation for all the parties involved."

In June 2001, the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement program became the first tribal child support enforcement office in the country to receive direct federal funding.

Since that time, the department has collected millions in child support payments for members of dozens of tribes across the state. Beyond that, the department offers a wide range of additional services.

One service, the Tribal Employment Placement Program (TEPP), is designed specifically to assist non-custodial parents in finding employment.

An unemployed non custodial parent may be referred to this program rather than being sentenced to jail time for contempt of court. Officers in this unit

monitor job search efforts and arrange job training.

"The TEPP program helps parents gain access to tools not only from our tribal programs, but also other community programs that could enable them to obtain the education and training for a job that may allow them to pay their court ordered support," said Mr. Sweet.

Child support services staff also work to help meet the needs of each family, referring them to programs providing housing

assistance, nutrition services, health services and other services.

"We feel it is important to help the family unit as a whole, and not as one individual who owes money to another," said Mr. Sweet. "It is important for families we serve to know that we are here to assist with their needs, with the ultimate result being the children receive the support they deserve."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Oklahoma Pride

My grandmother was
Of Indian heritage.
Born in Oklahoma
Died in Oklahoma.

I, too, follow
In her moccasin steps
Seldom leaving our homeland.

For years I have admired
Outstanding people
And important places
In Oklahoma.

Sad things have happened
And glorious things, also.
But now
One thing outshines
All else in my heart.

Our Indian statue
High above our heads
On top of the Capitol
Dome

Shows the world
Our Oklahoma Pride.

Guardian of our past
Guardian of our present
Guardian of our future.

-Billie Meniffee

Oklahoma Pride was written by Chickasaw Billie Meniffee. She recently won third place for the poem in a competition sponsored by The Poetry Society of Oklahoma. Reprinted with permission from Billie Meniffee

Teen Round-up Camps announced in Duncan

DUNCAN, Okla. – Teen Round-up officials have announced this year's camp schedule. All camps are free camps for children ages, seven to 12, from low-income families or broken homes.

By attending the camp, children will get to play sports, work on crafts, go to devotions about loving your family and the Bible, learn about Oklahoma fish, make homemade root beer, ride paddle boats, perform in a talent show, go on a late night hay ride, ride ponies, be a star in a drama act and much more. In addition, the kids room in remodeled box cars.

The 2005 camp dates are June 6-8; June 13-15; June 20-23; June 27-29; July 4-6; July 11-13; July 18-20 and July 25-27, which is a teen camp for ages

13 to 16.

Teen Round-Up is a non-profit organization that has been hosting camps, retreats and free programs for youth and kids since 1965.

The purpose at Teen Round-Up is to host free summer camps for needy children. This year, in June, Teen Round-Up will host eight free camps with 100 children and 25 counselors attending each camp. The camps enable children from many ethnic backgrounds, but with similar lives, to come together and meet new friends from all over the state, said camp director Roxanne Kerley.

For more information or to register, visit www.teenroundup.com.

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Chilocco Reunion set for June 2-5

The Chilocco Indian School Annual Reunion will be in Oklahoma City June 2 - 5, 2005 at the Clarion Hotel, I-40 and Meridian.

You may contact the Clarion Hotel by calling 405-942-8511 or 1-800-424-6423. The class of 1955 will be the honored class this year.

All Chilocco students are invited.

Events planned include Friday, 9 a.m. - Sentimental Journey (bus tour to Chilocco campus). Friday, 7 p.m. - Reception/Social. Saturday, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Veteran's Breakfast. Saturday, 6 - 8 p.m., Alumni Banquet. Saturday, 9 p.m. - midnight - Alumni Dance.

For more information call 405-634-1819 or 285-8290.



Verbal history, homeland-era documents shared with elder council

**Submitted by
Robert Perry for the
Council of Elders**

The Chickasaw Council of Elders (COE) met March 17 at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur. The invited speaker was Mr. Joe Wilson of Wayne, Okla., the guest of Shirley Duncan. Mr. Wilson shared photographs of his ancestors and told about his father Joseph H. "Purman" Wilson, a Chickasaw Dawes enrollee, who was the County Attorney at Purcell and later a state legislator. Purman's grandfather Thornton Wilson rode with Quantrill's Raiders during the Civil War. Ten years later, Thornton and son Frank moved to Texas, where the latter worked as a cowboy. In cattle drives across Chickasaw lands, Frank met and married a Chickasaw woman. The testimony was written by Bob Perry and returned to Mr. Wilson for review.

Mr. Kirk Perry is sharing Chickasaw history that passes almost daily through the Division of Heritage Preservation departments. This month, Mr. Perry provided: (1) Document extracts from Chickasaw Ethnohistory, 1721-1740 South Carolina Sessional Papers, a 1999 Masters Thesis by Troy Stephen Maxcy, and (2) Excerpts from *The Southeastern Indians* by Charles Hudson (1976). The thesis was interesting because scholars are finding the study of the Chickasaw interesting. Southeastern Indians were known to trade skins and slaves for guns and provisions. Where the English went to live, tribes were moved out or died from disease, but these documents give a different picture where Chickasaws were involved. In 1722 the French "have war with the Chickasaws" and the Carolina Assembly wanted Chickasaws to settle on the Savannah River [a few miles south of August, Ga.], enticed with gunpowder for hunting and much corn. Five years later the Chickasaws at Savannah River were 'recruited' to move to the Apalachicola town, [twenty miles up the Savannah River,] given 5-6 months of provisions and paid bounties for scalps or captives [read slaves]. By

March 1736, the Assembly got wind that the French were going to destroy the main settlement of Chickasaws in Mississippi and gave early warning to their ancient friends and providers of security at Savannah River. The French and Choctaws attacked the Chickasaw stockade at Ackia in May 1736. The French lost the battle. The thesis is available in the Chickasaw library.

The interesting part of (2) was how the Chickasaws gave war-names. On the appointed day after battle, the warriors to be named showed up with faces painted and bodies oiled with bear fat, wearing red moccasins and fine collars of white feathers. Two elders brought wands and crowns of white feathers. After a time for orations, the war name was called out in a loud voice. After three times, the warrior whooped and the elder placed a wand in his hand and a white feather crown on his head. After all the names were given out, everyone was told to value personal honor and the welfare of their people more than life itself. The white feathers were from the Black Swan, according to Glenda Galvan.

For our next meeting COE members were asked to bring games they used to play. In (2) the game of Chunkey was described. In early Colonial times, chunkey was the most popular game among the Southeastern Indians. Chunkey was always played by males. Later, the stickball game became more popular, perhaps because towns gathered to talk and stickball involved more people. Chunkey was played with polished six-inch diameter stone wheels. After the stone was rolled, the object was to guess where it would "die" and hit the stone by tossing a pole about eight feet long. A hit was two points or the closest pole earned one point. First player to twelve points won and bets were usually placed. Each town had a chunkey field and the stones were kept by the town or a clan.

Actions: Mrs. Beck introduced Flora Perry, new COE member replacing Virginia Edwards. Flora is a Chickasaw speaker from Kullihoma Senior Site. It was told that the Chicka-

saw language facilitator class being held at Murray College has 20-30 students doing well. Facilitators will be matched with Native Speakers to teach future language classes. For the April 2nd class meeting, COE members Flora Perry and Marie Beck will tell stories in Chickasaw. Mrs. Beck will tell her Rabbit Story in Chickasaw for multi-media when the film day is scheduled. Council members started a list of churches in the Chickasaw Nation that sing or preach in

Chickasaw or Choctaw, with meeting times and directions. When completed, the list will be published in Chickasaw Times. COE asked Mr. Kirk Perry about request to attend the Southeastern Art Exhibit "Hero, Hawk, and Open Hand" in Saint Louis (March 4 - May 30). Inquiry will be made.

Announcements: Bob Perry alerted members to attend: Annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum at East Central University Multi-

media Center on March 31st and Reception by the Division of Arts and Humanities for young Chickasaw Artists on April 1st.

Next COE Meeting: April 21, Chickasaw Motor Lodge, Sulphur. Members will invite other elders for future talks to COE. Council extended invitation to artist ML to attend next meeting to discuss his project with Elders.

Tribal elections filing period June 6-10

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announces filing period opens June 6 and continues through June 10, 2005 for the 2005 General Elections.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Miko Building behind the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, Arlington at Mississippi. Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Seats to be filled are Legislative Seat 3 and Seat 4 of Pontotoc District; Seat 2 of Pickens District; and Seat 3 in the Tishomingo District. Seat 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for this year's election.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election; must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office and must be at least 25 years of age. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are \$250.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation; resident of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year preceding the election; must remain a resident during tenure of office; and must be at least 30 years of age. Three-year term of office.

Filing fees are \$250.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must completed a financial disclosure statement.

Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period. Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for *the Chickasaw Times*, and watcher form. Candidates

must not be convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is August 16 and run-off election is September 20, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

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Picnic Area D

Saturday, June 4, 2005; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lunch and beverages will be served at 12 noon

Entrance fee is \$3 per vehicle. Parking is next to the picnic area. Bring lawn chairs. There is a covered area in case of rain. Fishing, paddle boat, canoe rentals are available.

Santee Lakes is within 60 minutes or less of several San Diego attractions. You may wish to plan your weekend in the area. Please call Santee Lakes (619) 596-3141 for information regarding fishing, camping and RV.

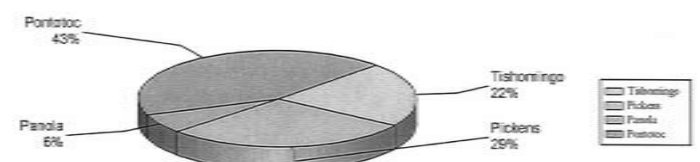
Plans are being made for members of the Chickasaw Legislature to attend.

Directions: Take the 5 freeway South to 52 East to Mast Blvd. Exit. Go left at the offramp and under the freeway to Fanita Parkway and drive to Carlson Oaks Blvd. Turn right to entrance to the lake. The 52 goes up a mountain. 9040 Carlton Oaks Drive, Santee, Calif. For more information call Sharon Tandy, (818) 985-8392.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,285	Pontotoc	8,534
Pickens	5,706	Tishomingo	4,269
			19,794

Voters Chart by Districts





Rep. Johnson-Billy presents address on attitude, persistence



Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy

Freshman Oklahoma District 42 State Representative Lisa Johnson-Billy, a Chickasaw, spoke to students and tribal leaders about the opportunities and challenges presented in her role as a state legislator. Rep. Billy spoke during the American Indian Symposium, April 13.

She used personal and family experiences to urge her listeners to keep a positive attitude and make the best of any situation they might encounter.

Rep. Billy gave much of the credit for her positive attitude to her grandfather, who taught her much about making the best of a bad situation.

She explained that when her grandfather was a student at Chilocco boarding school, students were assigned roommates from other tribes to prevent them from speaking their Native language.

Rather than let that stop them, her grandfather and his roommates simply learned one another's languages.

"And so my grandpa conversationally can speak a little Osage, a little Seminole, a little Cherokee. He took a bad thing and turned it into a good thing," she said, before offering another example.

"Now the old ones have told me stories about my grandpa. They said 'your grandfather could have rocked a road from Chilocco to Filmore.' If you know anything about Indian boarding schools then you know the way they punished (students) was they had them break rocks," said Rep. Billy with a chuckle. "So that's why they say he could have rocked a road from Chi-

locco to Filmore, Oklahoma.

"My grandfather later became a boxer, a professional boxer, because his shoulders were so strong, because he busted a lot of rocks."

Explaining her own long odds against winning her district race, she noted that she did not have the fund raising experience or the family wealth to help finance her campaign.

What she did have was the support of Helen Cole, a former state representative and Chickasaw elder, who has since passed away. Encouraging her to run, Mrs. Cole told Mrs. Billy that if she kept her heart pure she could really make a difference and help people.

So, with that encouragement, Lisa Johnson-Billy made her plan to run for office. And run she did.

"I only had one thing going for me," said Rep. Billy. "I am a former long distance runner at Madill High School. I had two good legs and one good pair of tennis shoes.

"I knocked on almost 5,000 doors. And I sat with people in their living rooms. And I talked with them. I asked them 'what are your concerns?' And I met some wonderful people."

She also met some who were not as responsive to her message.

"I remember knocking on a door and a lady said to me, 'honey, when you get to be my age you'll know that women just aren't smart enough to do this kind of thing.' And I said 'well I appreciate your view. That's why we live in America, because we are all different. But could I have my card back?'"

"Because those cards cost 75 cents apiece," Rep. Billy explained with a chuckle that was met with widespread laughter.

Regardless of such minor setbacks, her strategy worked.

"When I did win, I was as shocked as anybody," said Rep. Billy. "When the Oklahoma House of Representatives called me and said 'Representative Billy, we will start work on Thursday' – this was on Tuesday. I said excuse me, sir, I appreciate your confidence, but the count is not over yet.

"He said, 'Representative Bil-

ly, your opponent would have to win every precinct in every part of your district with every single vote in order to defeat you.'

"And that's when it dawned on me, 'I think I won.'"

One of the first things Rep. Billy did upon entering the State House was to search out other Native American legislators.

"When I go to the State House I thought 'Okay, there are some Indians here somewhere and I'm going to find them, because we have some real concerns in Oklahoma.'" said Rep. Billy.

What she eventually found were a dozen other Native Americans in the House.

That unprecedented number of Native Americans in the House offers a unique opportunity, according to Rep. Billy.

"When you're at the table, you have input and when you have input you can bring real change for your people at home," she said.

She acknowledges that Native people still face negative images and stereotypes, and gave an example of one man who came to her office asking to "smoke the peace pipe." An offer she firmly, but diplomatically, rebuffed.

Emphasizing the importance of using diplomacy in efforts to educate others about issues facing Native Americans, Rep. Billy used the example of the fight to pass legislation aimed at outlawing the racist terms "redskins" and "savages" as mascot names for schools in the state. She said progress she and her colleagues made toward getting that legislation passed was later erased.

"We had about 90 Indians who came into the House and into the Senate. And out of that group, many of them went from room to room educating our senators and representatives. That's a good thing," she said. "We (also) had a group of folks who came into the capitol and you know what I'm talking about- they had a big chip on their shoulder – and they walked into my colleagues' offices and they began to tell them how superior Indians were and how ignorant whites are.

"And many of my colleagues came back to my office and said 'I just had this happen in my

office and I don't know if I can support this bill now.'"

On the other side of the equation, Rep. Billy and her Native American colleagues were able to stop a very negative bill which talked of how Native businesses enjoy unfair advantages over other businesses in the state.

She explained that success was gained by using a positive approach to educating her non-

Indian colleagues.

"What we have to do folks – and some of you may agree and some of you may disagree – I'm only speaking from my own experience. When we go in to educate people, we have to try to do it with a smile."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2005 SCHEDULE

June 6-10	Candidate filing period (8:00 am-4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)
June 14	Challenge to Candidacy ends
June 15	Drawing for position on ballot- Election Secretary's office, 10:00a.m. <i>Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts & diskettes</i>
June 17	Last day to submit photo and biography to "Chickasaw Times" Press release for candidates, (<i>news media</i>)
July 18	Voter registration closes
July 19	Candidates may pick-up updated labels, printouts & diskettes (After-12:00 NOON)
July 22	Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters
August 10	Last day to appoint watcher
August 16	2005 Chickasaw Primary Election Last day to return ballots <u>no later than 10:30 a.m.</u>
	Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately Press release made public
August 16	Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election
August 19	End of recount period
October 3	Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm. (<i>October 1st falls on a Saturday</i>)

RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

August 23	Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels
August 29	Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election districts
September 20	2005 CHICKASAW RUN-OFF ELECTION Last day to return ballots <u>not later than 10:30 a.m.</u>
	Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately Press release made public
September 20	Voter registration re-opens
September 23	Recount period expires
October 3	Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm (<i>October 1st falls on a Saturday</i>)

Courtney Johnson



Pride and Joy, because she is one of a kind and we love her very much.

Courtney is six years old and is in the 1st grade at Eugene Fields Elementary, Oklahoma City.

She is a twin to Renea Yvonn Johnson who is also a 1st grade student at Eugene Fields.

Courtney loves to visit her grandparents and visit her uncle Jonathan.

Some of her hobbies are riding her bike with her sister and playing with her dog.

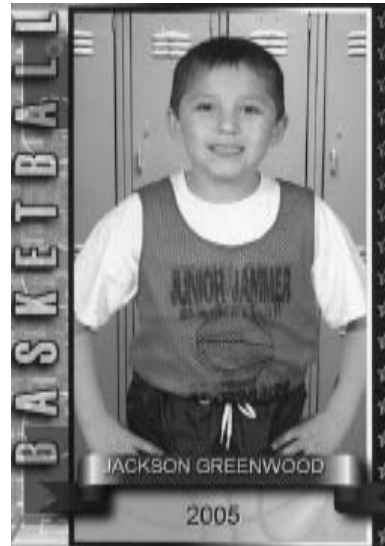
She is proud of her Chickasaw heritage and enjoys being a twin.

She is the granddaughter of Carolyn and Jess Mendoza, Oklahoma City, and James Perkins of Pontotoc, Okla.. She is also the great-granddaughter of George and Yvonn

Johnson, Ada, Okla., and Geraldine Greenwood of Latta, Okla.

Courtney is the daughter of Cynthia and George Johnson, Oklahoma City.

Jackson Greenwood



Jackson Greenwood is our Pride and Joy in every way of his life. He is a good boy and and we love him very much.

Jackson is in the first grade at Blanchard Elementary School, Blanchard, Okla.

When he is home he likes playing his video games, jumping on the trampoline, riding his bike and hanging out with his dad. Jacks also participates in all kind of sports. He is a big OU fan.

Jackson is the son of Lynn Gray and Dewayne Greenwood, of Blanchard, and the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood, of Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil J. Greenwood, and Pat Mills of Socorro, N.M., and Waylon Simpson of Denver, Colo.

Jackson has a sister Olivia Greenwood and a brother Kyle Gray. Jack's is proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

Olivia Greenwood

Olivia Greenwood is our Pride and Joy because she is a unique little girl and we love her very much.

Livy goes to the Blanchard Day care and loves to be with her little friends there.

She likes to play at home with her dolls and watch movies with her brother's Jackson and Kyle. She likes to go to her brother's ball games and likes to talk to her aunt Carri on the phone.

Livy is the daughter of Lynn Gray and Dewayne Greenwood of Blanchard, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Geraldine Greenwood of Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil Greenwood, and Pat Mills, Socorro, N.M., and Waylon Simpson, Denver, Colo.



Gabrilla Perkins

Gabrila Maranda Perkins is our Pride and Joy because she is so precious to us and we love her very much.

She is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade at Eugene Fields School in Oklahoma City.

Some of her favorits are watching movies with her family and going shopping. She loves to visit her grandparents and play in the back yard.

She is proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

Gabby is the granddaughter of Carolyn and Jess Mendoza of Oklahoma City and James Perkins of Pontotc, Okla. She is also the great-granddaughte of Geraldine Greenwood and the Late Virgil Greenwood.



Taylor Perkins



Taylor Lee Perkins is our only grandson and he is our Pride and Joy because of the wonderful person he is.

Taylor is eleven years old and is in the 5th grade at Eugene Fields School, Oklahoma City. He is very smart and has received numerous Academic Awards. Next year he will be going to a special school for the gifted and talented.

He is very proud of his Native heritage and is a grass dancer having been chosen to preform at the Oklahoma City Arts Festival and has danced at Red Earth.

Taylor is the grandson of Carolyn and Jess Mendoza, Oklahoma City, and James Perkins, Pontotoc, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Geraldine Greenwood and the late Virgil Greenwood.

Taylor's parents are Cynthia and George Johnson.

Upcoming Rabies Clinics announced

The Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program has announced several upcoming rabies clinics.

Individuals with CDIB cards are invited to bring their pets to the rabies clinics. All rabies clinics will be conducted from 10 a.m. until noon, unless otherwise noted.

May 3 - Sulphur Rabies Clinic at the Dog Trade

May 10 - Pauls Valley Rabies Clinic at the northwest corner of Wacker Park

May 13 - Allen Rabies Clinic at the Allen City Park on Highway 48

May 13 - Purcell Area Rabies Clinic at the Purcell Area Office parking lot, 1603 S. Green, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

May 17 - Dougherty Rabies Clinic at the Akers In and Out

May 20 - Davis Rabies Clinic at the Davis City Park

May 20 - Ardmore Rabies Clinic at the Ardmore Health Clinic

May 27 - Lindsey Rabies Clinic at the Lindsey City Park, S.W. 4th and W. Apache

May 31 - Antioch Rabies Clinic at the Antioch Baptist Church

June 10 - Ardmore Rabies Clinic at the Ardmore Health Clinic

June 17 - Chickasha Area Rabies Clinic at the Fellowship of American Indian Church parking lot, 1217 W. Frisco.

For more information, call (580) 235-1780 in the Ada area, (580) 622-2888 in the Sulphur area or (580) 226-4821 in the Ardmore area.

'Its About Money'

Community development groups a good source of financing



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

When it comes to obtaining loans or capital for business expansion most business owners will typically think of approaching banks, loan brokers or savings institutions. These entities traditionally have provided the bulk of such financings for business expansions. However, a relatively new financing entity has entered the capital markets and they are increasingly play-

ing an important role with regard to business loans.

These new financing entities are generally referred to as CDFIs which stands for Community Development Financial Institution. CDFIs are organizations that provide loans and other financial assistance to borrowers who may be deemed as "too risky" by more mainstream financial institutions. Also, as the name implies, CDFIs are focused on community development. They thus have a broader goal of economic development in the community or region in which they operate. In many ways, CDFIs are designed to "fill in the gaps" left by regulated financial institutions.

CDFIs will generally have either a focus upon housing development or business development. Those with a business development focus will usually have a loan fund that is

targeted toward business start-ups or business expansions in geographic areas that are in "economic distress". Oftentimes this means either an inner city or rural focus.

Most CDFIs receive their lending monies from grants or loans from the CDFI Fund, an agency of the U.S. Treasury. The CDFI Fund also certifies organizations as a CDFI. As of April 1, 2005 there were 744 certified CDFIs in the U.S. In Oklahoma there are 13 CDFIs. You can obtain a list of these CDFIs by visiting the CDFI Fund website at www.cdfifund.gov. For a list of the CDFIs focused on American Indian businesses, please visit the website of the North American Native Bankers Association at www.nanba.org.

At Bank2 we are diligently working toward developing a CDFI. It is our goal to have this CDFI certified by the CDFI

Fund and up and running by year end. Watch this column for more information on this effort as the year progresses. In the meantime keep a CDFI in mind as a possible source of financing for your start-up or business expansion.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native

American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$70 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

6th Annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

Saturday, June 4, 2005

Register at 10 a.m.; Start at 11 a.m.

Kullihoma Softball Field

(7 miles east of Ada, turn right at Kullihoma sign, follow road 2 miles, softball field is on the right. From Hwy. 48, take Kullihoma exit west, approx. 1 mile on left.)

Singles:

1st Place: Trophy
2nd Place: Trophy

Doubles:

1st Place: Trophys
2nd Place: Trophys

Money tournament will follow!

Scoring: 1-3-5 / no skunking / 40 ft. only / all calls final / double elimination / draw partners.

Entry fee: \$ 6 per event / \$10 both events. **Free pashofa for all!** For more information call Bailey (580) 332-3304.

Resolutions, continued from page 7

shall receive \$51.64 on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw described as: the SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 26 East, Beginning at the NE Corner; thence South 295.16 feet; thence West 295.16 feet; thence North 295.16 feet; thence East 295.16 feet to the point of beginning, LeFlore County, Oklahoma, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$6.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman, Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-039 Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Explora-

tion Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who has submitted as acceptable bid of \$738.00 per acre for a total bonus \$177,120.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$44,280.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation described as the NE/4 NE/4 NW/4 NE/4 SE/4 of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 240.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre, annual rental for a total of \$720.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$180.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman, Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Wanda Blackwood Scott

General Resolution Number 22-040 Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-

McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution and Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$738.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$3,690.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$922.50, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interests in and to the SE/4 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for total of 15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty of 18.75 %.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Wanda Blackwood Scott

General Resolution Number 22-041 Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County (Tribal Tract No.3989)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Meade Energy Corporation, One Grand Park, Suite 210 777 Northeast Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, who has submitted an acceptable bid for an oil and gas lease of \$155.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$98,009.60, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$24,502.40, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as: Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 632.32 acres, more or less for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rate for a total of \$1,896.96, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$474.24 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman, Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander,

Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-042 Resolution in Support of Preservation of the Chickasaw Language

Explanation: This resolution states the intent of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature to endorse and commit itself to further Chickasaw language revitalization efforts of those dedicated speakers and teachers for without the language there may be no culture.

Requested By: D. Scott Colbert Chairman, Tribal Historical and Cultural Preservation Committee

Presented By: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman, Tribal Historical and Cultural Preservation Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Cody Reynolds



Cody Reynolds is a 2005 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Kent Reynolds and Michelle Reid. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Reynolds, Ardmore, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Prince, Pontotoc, Okla.

Cody was captain of the varsity basketball team. He was a member of the Spanish club, active in the youth program at Faith Baptist Church, member of Fellow Christian Athletes.

He plans to attend East Central University to major in engineering.

Abby Dawson

Abby Dawson is a 2005 graduate of Choctaw High School, Choctaw, Okla. She is the daughter of Jim and Teresa Dawson. She is the granddaughter of Ellen Dawson-Clayton and Betty Springer.

Abby has been active in FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), the National Honor Society and selected Choctaw Business Women's "Girl of the Month" for May. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

She will attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman.



Stephenie Bowlware

Stephenie Breanne Bowlware is a 2005 graduate of Westmore High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Kevin and Traci Bowlware. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowlware, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waldrop and Jane Waldrop. She is a fifth generation descendant to Thomas Moore, original enrollee.

Stephenie has served on the student council for two years. She has been a member of the Honor Society for four years and has lettered in golf and tennis. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman.



Benjamin Bowlware



Benjamin Adam Bowlware is a 2005 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Steve and Jerri Bowlware. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowlware and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cowperthwaite and the great-grandson of Vera Walton Bowlware. He is a fifth generation descendant of Thomas Moore, original enrollee.

Ben was selected Student of the Month for March 2002 and December 2004. He is a member of the school's jazz band and listed in the 2005 *Who's Who Among American High School Seniors*.

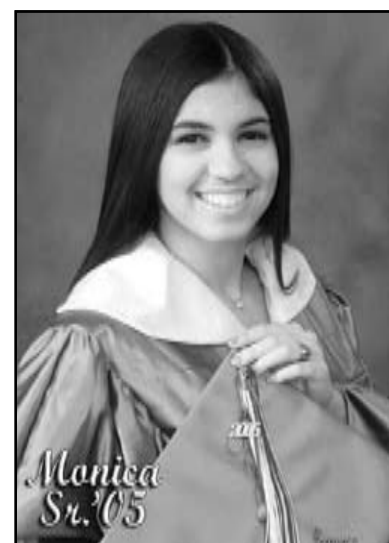
He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman or Oklahoma City University.

Monica Seawright

Monica Seawright is a 2005 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Anita and Wilson Seawright.

Monica has been active in student council, Native American club "Dream Catchers", AHS French club, science club, FCCLA, AHS color guard member, POM squad member "Tigerettes", mat maid, AHS Title IX Indian Education. Committee - student rep. Her awards and honors include: National Honor Society, 3-year-member, National Junior Honor Society, Leadership and Citizenship Awards, 2003 Young Women's Leadership Ardmore, Oklahoma Honor Scholar and Leaflets. She was Chickasaw Junior Princess (1999 - 2000) and Little Miss Chickasaw (1994-1995). Named Outstanding JOM student (two years), selected for inclusion in 2000 Edition of *Future Leaders of America*, and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 2004 and 2005. Her extracurricular activities include: JOM Leadership Conference (5 year participant), Chickasaw Historical Society Member, past involvement with Pickens District Youth Council & Chickasaw Dance Troupe, 13 year dance student at Ardmore Dance Center, sings music solos at church and sing or perform the Lord's Prayer in sign at various community functions and events. She is a youth group member at Mary Niblack Road Baptist Church and participated in youth mission trips to Chicago (2004) and New Orleans (2002).

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a major in archi-



Dusty Newport

Dusty Newport is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of D.D. Jacob and Blake Newport. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Jefferson.

Dusty is a 17 year old senior at Ada High School. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, student council, the French club, Ruff Ryders, the Native American Club, and volunteers many countless hours to various community organizations.

His hobbies include playing the piano, singing native hymns, playing fast-pitch softball and being with family and friends.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma pursuing a degree in chemistry. Later, Dusty plan to attend OU School of Medicine to become a cardiologist.



Congratulations to all graduates!

Michaela Worcester

Michaela Kathrine Worcester is a 2005 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Kevin and Lynn Worcester. She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Opal Worcester and Frank and the late Alma Henry. She is 23/64 Chickasaw.

Throughout Michaela's high school career she has been involved in numerous organizations, exercising leadership in many of them, including: National Honor Society (president 2004-05), DECA (chaplain 2003-04), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (Parliamentarian 2001-02, vice-president 2003-04), student council (reporter 2004-05), Rotary Interact (reporter, 2003-04), and FCA (huddle leader). She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Youth Council (secretary 2003-04). Through the council she participated in a number of tribal activities, including the youth council's volleyball tournament, winning third place. She attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, a national forum for students who are chosen by their high academic standing and by their interest in medical sciences. She participated in the intercultural mission trip to Belize, Central American through the support of the Chickasaw Nation. She is involved in the Chickasaw Nation's summer youth program working at the Chickasaw Nation's Wellness Center. She represented Latta High School at the 2004 American Legion Auxiliary Girl's State, winning the local Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest (2003-04). She has placed in numerous science fairs and received the Rotary Student of the Month for October 2004. She was awarded the Chickasaw Student of the Month for April 2004, and received the High School Junior Female Chickasaw Student of the Year, 2003 - 2004. She volunteers at Valley View Regional Hospital and is an active member of Morris Memorial Baptist Church serving as head youth group leader. She has been part of a numerous mission/outreach projects, which include community activities, Bible School, children events and serving as missionary in other areas of the nation (New Orleans, Dallas and Texhoma).

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma Baptist University to pursue a degree in nursing with applied ministry. She plans to serve the Chickasaw Nation through the medical systems that have originated in different parts of the country. She is drawn to the reservations where Native Americans reside to help with the suffering and heartache, and to help with their spiritual and physical healing.

My goal is to serve the Chickasaw Nation while worshiping my creator with my life.



Jeremy Farmer



Jeremy Farmer is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Sherby and Traci Farmer, Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Don and Linda Hebert, Betty Farmer Burns and the late Ray Farmer.

Jeremy is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, a member of the National Honor Roll, on the Teacher's and Principal's Honor Roll, member of DECA and FCA,

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada for a degree in criminal justice.

Jessica Stafford

Jessica Loraine Stafford is a 2005 graduate of Littlefield High School, Littlefield, Texas. She is the daughter of Todd and Angela Stafford and the granddaughter of John and Sue Lasiter.

Jessica was named to the first team district UIL for two years, drum line, member of the National Honor Roll, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and a top speech student. She is a member of FFA, FCA, the Spanish club, science club, and the National Honor Society. She volunteers in her community visiting the elderly.

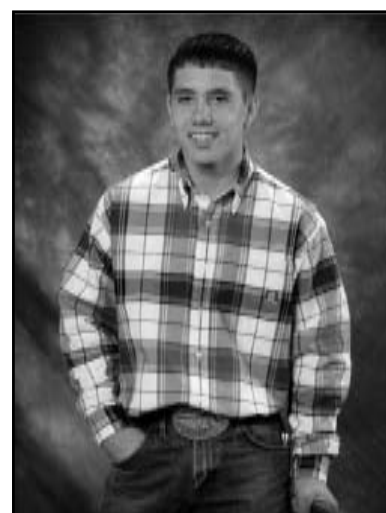


Kevin Foraker

Kevin Ray Foraker is a 2005 graduate of Maysville High School, Maysville, Okla. He is the son of Bobby and Vickie Foraker, Maysville and the grandson of Bob and Joyce Foraker, Maysville.

Kevin has participated in football, basketball and baseball. He has been a member of FFA for five years and has served his chapter as reporter, treasurer and sentinel. He has shown lambs and pigs and received the State Farmer degree at the State FFA Convention. He is a member of National Honor Society and the Governor's Honor Roll and a member of 4-H for eight years judging horses for the Garvin County 4-H Horse Judging team since fifth grade. He has won numerous awards at the state 4-H Horse Judging contest, the Paint World Show and the American Quarter Horse Youth World Show. His hobbies include horseback riding and team roping. He hopes to qualify for the IFR someday as a team roper.

He plans to attend NEO at Miami and participate on the horse judging team. He will be majoring in Agriculture Business.



Keith Foraker

Keith Nelson Foraker is a 2005 graduate of Maysville High School, Maysville, Okla. He is the son of Bobby and Vickie Foraker, Maysville. He is the grandson of Bob and Joyce Foraker, Maysville.

Keith has participated in football and baseball. He has been a member of FFA for five years and has served his chapter as sentinel. He was the 2003 Star Chapter Farmer. He has shown lambs and pigs and will receive the State Farmer degree at the State FFA Convention. He has been a member of the

Governor's Honor Roll for eight years. He has been judging horses for the Garvin County 4-H Horse Judging team since fifth grade and has won numerous awards at the state 4-H Horse Judging contest, the Paint World Show and the American Quarter Horse Youth World Show. He was named the Outstanding Sophomore Chickasaw Male Athlete in 2003. His hobbies include horseback riding and team roping. He hopes to qualify for the IF someday as a team roper.

Keith plans to attend NEO at Miami and participate on the rodeo team. He plans to major in Agriculture Business.

Andrew Switzer

Andrew William Switzer is a 2005 graduate of Klein Oak High School, Spring, Texas. He is the son of John and Babette Switzer.

Andrew is an active member in the Klein Oak Art Club and a member of the Advance Placement Art Department. He is a gold and silver key winner at the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

He plans to attend college and study art.



Tiffany Heath

Tiffany Heath is a 1995 graduate of Phoenix Christian High School and is a resident of Glendale Ariz. She is the great-granddaughter of Nathan Bud Ragland, (grandson of original enrollee Mary Finley).

Tiffany is an honor student and has received various awards in vocal arts and wind percussion.

She plans to attend Southwestern A/G University, Waxahachi, Texas to major in elementary education.



Jennifer Walton



Jennifer Lauren Walton is a 2005 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Tammla Walton. She is the granddaughter of the late J.D. and Martha Walton, Kenneth and Sue Davis, Bobbie Miles, Thelma Harlan, Jerry Harlan and J.D. and LaVera Walton.

Jennifer has been active in Native Voices, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, on the Governor's Honor Roll, BPA, the Principal's Honor Roll and Byng band.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to study radiology.

Jen, we are so proud of you! God Bless you!

Mom, Dad and sisters



Matthew Phillips

Matthew Scott Phillips is a 2005 graduate of Wynnewood High School, Wynnewood, Okla. He is the son of Jim and Rita Phillips. He is the grandson of Clyda Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brooks.

He is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, an All-American Scholar, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Honor Society from 2003 - 2005 serving as vice president 2004 - 2005, Kiwanis Student of the Month (Nov. 04) and for Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month (April 04), senior class Top 10, Wyn-

newood Foundation for Academic Excellence, band, jazz band, band council, student council, senior class representative, art club, Eagle Scout and Lodge Chief for Order of Arrow #190.

Matthew plans to attend college and major in pre-med.

Ashley McCurtain

Ashley McCurtain is a 2005 graduate of Marietta High School, Marietta, Okla. She is the daughter of Chris and Patricia McCurtain and the granddaughter of Glenda McCurtain.

Ashley has been active in the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Governor's Honor Club, Business Professional of America president at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center, and the honor roll.

She plans to attend Murray State College,



Colin Goowin

Colin J. Goodwin is a 2005 graduate of Classen School of Advanced Studies, Arcadia, Okla. He is the son of Tom and Jamie Goodwin, Arcadia. He is the grandson of Cecilia H. Wooley Goodwin.

Colin has been nominated twice for *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and has maintained an overall 3.68 GPA in high school. He was a three time varsity basketball captain and a member of the varsity cross country team. He was active in the art club and Young Democrats.

Colin plans to become a firefighter.

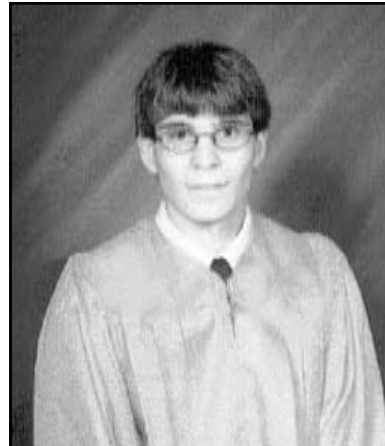


Roy Zornes

Roy Zornes is a 2005 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Edna Zornes, Milburn, Okla., and the grandson of Dorothy Lenard.

Roy was a member of the 2004 State Championship team and played basketball and ran cross country.

His plans are to have a lot of fun, play basketball and attend college.



Timothy Hancock

Timothy John Hancock is a 2005 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. He is the son of Joseph and Laura Winter of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Earline Smaistrle of Yukon, Okla., and Don Smaistrle of Oklahoma City.

Timothy enjoys carpentry and working on cars. He plans to attend vo-tech for carpentry and cabinetry.

"I thank my parents, grandma and Aunt Debbie for all their help!"

Carly Hill

Carly Hill is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Kim Hill and the late Howell Hill. She is the granddaughter of Estelle Hill and the late Francis Hill.

Carly is captain of the Ada High pom squad, member of DECA, BPA, the Spanish club and Tantettes. She is a dancer at Central Oklahoma Dance Center.

Her future plans are to attend Oklahoma State



Nicholas Ryan

Nicholas Ryan is a 2005 graduate of Daniel Webster High School, Tulsa. He is the son of Lesa and Harry Ryan.

Nick has received the 2005 Tulsa Public School's Top 20 Senior's Award, the Tulsa American Indian Chamber of Commerce 2005 Excellence Award. He has served as the president of DECA, vice-president of BPA and is the webmaster of his high school. He is a member of NHS, FTA, Technology 2020, Tulsa Student Voices, Warriors for Christ, the Indian club and was a member of the Webster Royal Court. He has participated in band and drama. He was selected as a delegate to Washington, D.C., with the Close Up Foundation. He is a member of the Red Fork Baptist Church and has served as a worker in Vacation Bible School and on mission trips with his youth group.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma.



Merle Pearce

Merle Victor Pearce, Jr., is a 2005 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. He is the son of Merle and Beth Pearce. He is the grandson of Charlie and Vicki Bridges, Durant, Merle D. Pearce, Red Mesa, Colo., Nell Miller, Kirtland, N.M., and the late Louis H. Miller.

Merle currently attends SOSU in his senior year to get a start on his college education. He is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* (2002-2005), maintained perfect attendance, a member of the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Club, the Superintendent's Honor Roll, the Principal's Honor Roll, a member of the National Honor Roll and the Oklahoma Honor Society. His extracurricular activity is racing factory stock cars. He placed in the top ten in points during the 2003 and 2004 racing season at the Oklahoma Sports Park, Ada, Okla.

He has been accepted at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater and will major in mechanical engineering.

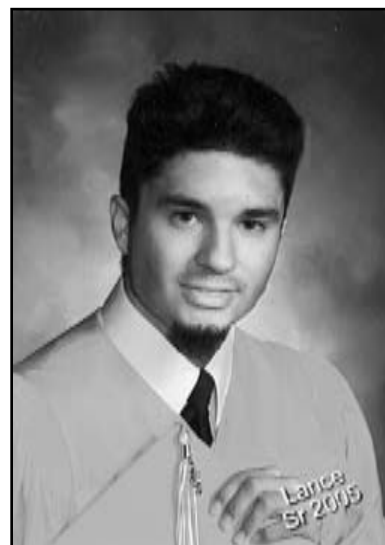


Lance Seawright

Lance Brock Seawright is a 2005 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Don and Laurie McCollum and Larry and Kathlee Seawright. He is the grandson of Oma and John Mackey and the late Jack and Elsie Seawright.

Lance loves the Lord and is very active in church activities. He currently attends the Fitzhugh Baptist Church, Fitzhugh, Okla. He enjoys his job at Sooner Foods, Sulphur.

His plans are to move to El Reno, Okla., to attend Redlands Jr. College and to finish his college career at East Central University, Ada, Okla.

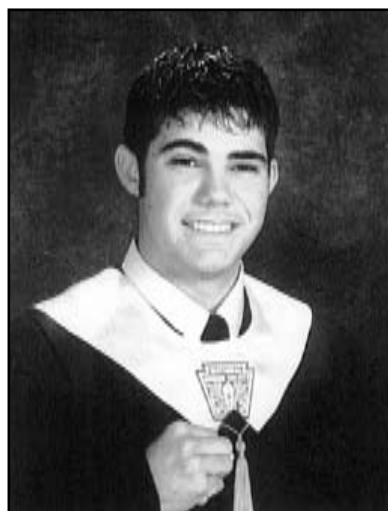


Jess Marlar

Jess Anthony Marlar is a 2005 graduate of Centerville High School, Centerville, Texas. He is the son of Tony Marlar, Ponca City, Okla., and Billi Ison, Centerville. He is the grandson of Clarence and Nancy Marlar, Ponca City and Bill and Dorene McGuire, Centerville. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Edna Johnson Green.

During his school years Jess has always been an honor roll student. He is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, for academic achievements. He was active in basketball and football until he suffered a knee injury. He was sophomore class representative and vice president of his senior class. He is active in the following clubs: Future Chamber of Commerce, National Honor Society, Junior Statesman of America and Future Farmers of America.

His future plans are to attend Texas A&M, Corpus Christi to obtain a degree in marine biology. Which has been his dream since he was very young.



Monica Wallace

Monica Amy Wallace is a 2005 graduate of Pine Tree High School, Longview, Texas. She is the daughter of Bill and Lyn Wallace. She is the granddaughter of Don and Claudine Tally and Betty and James Crabb.

Monica has been active in tennis for four years, Z-Club (service organization) for three years, choir for 2 years and is a Texas Globe Scholar with distinction.

Her plans are to attend college to pursue a degree in elementary education.



Jessica Luna

Jessica Daye Luna is a 2005 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of Gaylynn Marris, Marietta, Okla. She is the granddaughter of B.G. and Sue Caldwell of Marietta and Mary Manz of Houston.

We are so proud of our little sister and daughter for making her high school years so fun and with A's and B's.

She plans to attend college and be a beautician.

Love,
Mom, sister, uncle, nieces and nephews



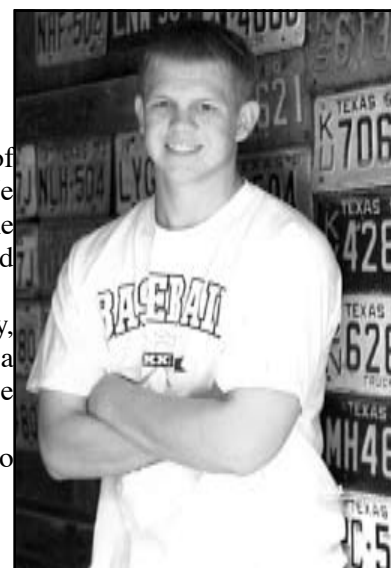
Daniel Harrison

Daniel Blake Harrison is a 2005 graduate of Waxahachi High School, Waxahachi, Texas. He is the son of Danny and Kim Harrison. He is the grandson of Bill and Nancy Harrison and Raymond and Beverly McCullough.

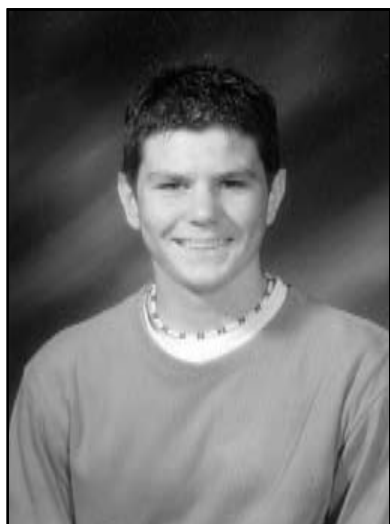
Blake is a member of the National Honor Society, he was active in football and baseball. He was a member of the FFA issue speaking team and horse judging team.

He plans to attend Tarleton State University to pursue a career in agriculture.

We are very proud of him!



Micheal Dabbs



Micheal Dabbs is a 2005 graduate of Chandler High School, Chandler, Okla. He is the son of Ron and Kim Dabbs, Cushing, Okla. and the grandson of Etta Cooper and Emma Dabbs.

Micheal has been active in football, powerlifting, baseball, FCA, Church of the Nazarene youth group and helps youth in wrestling and baseball.

His future plans are to attend Cowley County College in Arkansas City, Kan., to play baseball and pursue a degree in sports management then continue his education at Oklahoma State University or the University of Texas.

Raena Limke

Raena Limke is a 2005 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. She is the daughter of Cindy Craig and Keith Limke. She is the granddaughter of Kathryn Scott and Jean Limke.

Raena is a member of the Spanish club, Future Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), TRIBE (Turning Racism Into Brotherhood Equality), a Renaissance Honor Student and on the Yukon High School varsity tennis team.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to study psychology and Native American Studies.

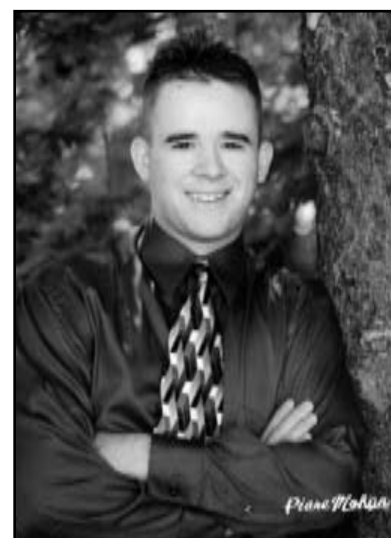


Brandon Thompson

Brandon Thompson is a 2005 graduate of Alameda High School, Lakewood, Colo. He is the son of Bruce and Pam Thompson. He is the grandson of David Cravatt and Betty Ramirez.

Brandon was active in football and participated in choir. He lettered in football, choir and academics. He was employed his senior year at a local bowling alley.

His future plans are to join the Army National Guard, then attend college.



Jodi Turtle



Jodi K. Turtle is a 2005 graduate of Kansas High School, Kansas, Okla. She is the daughter of Troy and Caren Turtle. She is the granddaughter of Lloyd and Eloise (Shoemaker) Parnacher and Wyley and Geraldine Turtle.

Jodi's accomplishments in high school have all but surpassed our expectations. She has excelled in everything she has attempted. Jodi has lettered four years in basketball and softball. She has helped to win the State Championship title and one State Runner-UP in basketball. She

was named an All-Stater in softball. She lettered two years in track, golf and powerlifting. She has been fortunate to make a showing at state levels in all three sports. She maintained a grade point average of 3.17. Jodi is a member of Twin Oaks Baptist Church, Twin Oaks, Okla.

Jodi plans are to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami, Okla., on a softball scholarship then attend Missouri Southern State University, Joplin to receive her degree in dentistry.

We are so proud of you, Jo.

Love,
Momma, Daddy, Sonni and Levi

Belinda Horn

Belinda Rose Horn is a 2005 graduate of Dodson High School, Dodson, Mont. She is the daughter of Ramona and Curtis Horn, Harlem, Mont. She is the granddaughter of Caroline and Harley Brown. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Virgie and Elias Brown, enrolled members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Belinda participated in cross country her senior year, played volleyball -2 years, lettered 4 years in basketball and was named All Conference.

She plans to attend college at Haskell Indian Nations University.



Amy Smith

Amy Marie Smith is a 2005 graduate of Liberty High School, Bakersfield, Calif. She is the daughter of Larry and Peggy Smith. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Lois Pugh and Raymond and Edna Smith.

Amy has been an outstanding student all her high school years. She will finish in the top 5% of her school with her GPA. She was a member of the swim team four years and worked part-time at Chili's, a local restaurant and volunteered to work with the children at our local church.

Her plans are to attend Bakersfield College then attend a college. Her major is undecided.

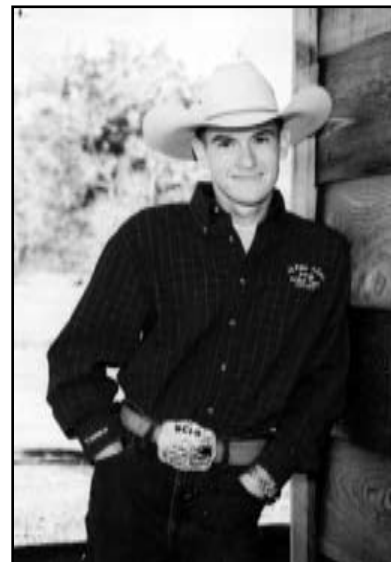


Jacob Edwards

Jacob Leon Edwards is a 2005 graduate of Velma-Alma High School, Velma, Okla. He is the son of Joseph and Valerie Edwards. He is the son of Leon and Betty Edwards and George and Ethel Stepp.

He has been active in the BETA club, FFA serving as officer for two years. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Jacob plans to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College.



Cody Tatum

Cody Lee Tatum is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Jessie and Marsha Tatum. He is the grandson of the late J.T. and Verna Lou Tatum, Wanda Alexander and the late Jim Alexander.

Cody plans to attend college.

We are proud of you!

Love,

Mom, dad and Caleb



Daniel Thompson

Daniel Alexander Thompson is a 2005 graduate of Shawnee High School, Shawnee, Okla. He is the son of Marla Stein and Darris Thompson and the step-son of Greg Cleveland. He is the grandson of James and Marcella Nix and the great-grandson of Mildred Mullican.

Daniel is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a Cadet First Lt., Honor Guard Commander and former Cadet Commander in the Civil Air Patrol. He volunteers for the community.

His future plans are to join the military, attend college and study mechanical engineering.



Crystal Dawn Price is a 2005 graduate of Durant High School, Durant Okla. She is the daughter of Kelly and Ethel (Sue) Price. She is the granddaughter of Donald Price, Tishomingo, Okla., Suzanne Price, Meeker, Okla., and the late Jack and Elsie Seawright, Mill Creek, Okla.

Crystal has participated in numerous groups and organizations. She is an assistant editor for the school newspaper know as the *Lions' Roar* and has served as reporter for three years. She is a reporter for the media production class. As an I-Team member of the class, she enjoys broadcasting high school news stories that air every Friday morning on the Durant School Channel 10. She has been involved in FCCLA, Youth & Government, the Key Club, literary club, choir and softball. With her dedicated involvement she has collected various awards in different organizations. She recently accepted the 1st Annual Youth & Government \$1,000 scholarship and the 2005 Best Broadcast Delegate Award at the YAG state convention. She placed first in FCCLA STAR events at the local level and third at regionals. She was chosen all-District Honor Choir for two years and received a superior rating on a solo piece. She is a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, Indian Honor Society and the Governor's Honor Club.

She plans to attend college to major in broadcast

Crystal Price



Crystal Tatum

Crystal Lynn Tatum is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Jessie and Marsha Tatum. She is the granddaughter of J.T. Tatum, Verna Lou Tatum, Wanda Alexander and the late Jim Alexander. She has a daughter Sophia Walker

Crystal plans to attend vo-tech.

We are proud of you!

Love,

Mom, dad and Caleb



Natalia Elene Lowrance is a 2005 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. She is the daughter of Phillip and Tanya Lowrance, Sulphur, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Oscar and Ollie Lowrance and Bud and Gail Chandler.

Natalia is a member of the National Honor Society, on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll, chosen Chickasaw Junior Female Athlete of the Year, Chickasaw Artist of the Year 2004 - 2004, active in the Gifted and Talented, Jr. Mainstreet, FCA, Key Club, science club, 4-H from fourth through 7th grades, named Chickasaw Student of the Month, FFA (secretary freshman year), art club, (freshman class representative, junior class secretary), FFA Greenhand Award, student council, freshman class vice-president, sophomore class president, student council secretary, DHS volunteerism Award recipient 2001-02 and 2002-03, 2003 State Track Champion, basketball team captain (junior and senior years), community service award 2003, DARE program, and S.A.V.E (Students Against Violence Education). She is fourth in a class of 60 with a 3.90 GPA. She has been recognized for her academic athletic and artistic talents. She blesses her friends and family with her love and happiness everyday.

Natalia plans to attend East Central University, Ada,

Natalia Lowrance



Lacy Kretzschmar

Lacy Kretzschmar is a 2005 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Lorin and Marian Kretzschmar, Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie and the late Denny Boyd and Bobbie and Philip Emerson.

Lacy plans to be a dental hygienist.



Megan Dailey

Megan Michelle Dailey is a 2005 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas. She is the daughter of John and Alice Ann Dailey. She is the granddaughter of Finis and Alice Hamilton Baker and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Tom Hamilton.

Megan is a member of the National Honor Society, marching band, concert and jazz band. She received the Girl Scout Gold Award and Silver Award, 1st Division Rating UIL Flute Solo and flute ensemble, named best pianist Collin County Community College Jazz Festival, participated in junior varsity volleyball, swimming, drill team

She has been accepted at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and plans to major in visual arts.



Jessica Sheff

Jessica Anne Sheff is a 2005 graduate of Talawanda High School, Oxford, Ohio. She is the daughter of Julie and Mike Sheff and the granddaughter of Guy and Gloria McElroy.

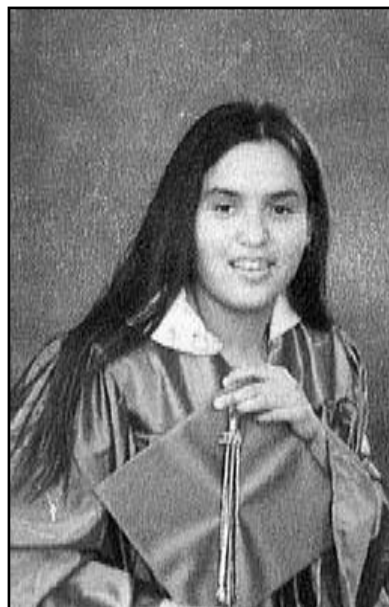
Jessi was involved with high school soccer for four years. She had lead roles in high school plays and has taken voice lessons since fifth grade. She sings in weddings and other events.

She will attend Ohio University.

Rachel Arneecher

Rachel Kay-Lin Arneecher is a 2005 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Carol Arneecher and Ray Arneecher. She is the granddaughter of the late Chestain McCurtain, the late Bernice Vance McCurtain, the late Joe Arneecher and Dalton and Evelyn Robertson.

Rachel was active in varsity basketball for four years. She was a member of the Spanish club, science club and president of the Native American club. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and *Who's Who Sports Edition*. She attends Ardmore Indian Baptist Church.

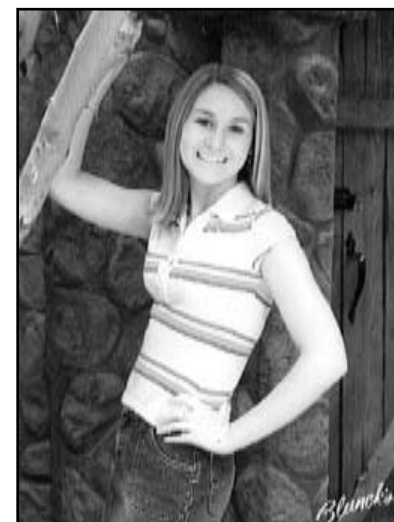


Melinda Shepherd

Melinda Shane Shepherd is a 2005 graduate of Arapaho High School, Arapaho, Okla. She is the daughter of Allen and Tammy Shepherd. She is the granddaughter of Joe and JoAnn Davis and the late Jim and Betty Shepherd. She is the sibling of Daniel and Elizabeth Shepherd.

Melinda has been involved as a varsity cheerleader for six years. For the 2004 2005 school year she is a State Farmer Award winner, student council president, Club Scrub president and FFA secretary. She was Sale of Champions at the Spring Junior Livestock Show 2005.

She plans to attend SWOSU, Weatherford, Okla., to obtain a degree in elementary education.





Brittany Estep

Brittany Autumn Estep is a 2005 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of Dr. Michael and Rhonda Estep. She is the granddaughter of Wendell and Jolene Rochelle and Keith and Diane Estep.

Brittany has been active in DHS dance team (Sparklers) for four years. She served as president of the Business Professionals of America (BPA), listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for four years, PALS class member, member of the literary club, and the media journalism team.

She has been accepted at the University of Oklahoma.



Kyle Goodnight

Kyle Goodnight is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Stan and Karen Goodnight. He is the grandson of Harold and Dean McManus, of Ada, and Chris and Molly Goodnight, of Tecumseh, Okla.

Kyle has been a member of the Governor's Honor Roll and completed honors courses in calculus, physics and chemistry. He was a first-place winner in the regional science fair and a second-place winner at the state science fair.

He was a member of the Distributing Clubs of America, Business Professionals of America, Ada High Native American Club and Japanese Interact Club. He has been active in community volunteer work including Thanksgiving hotline and Special Olympics. He has volunteered at Chickasaw Elder Day and participated in the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education Challenge Bowl. He represented the Chickasaw Nation while on a foreign exchange program in Japan.

Kyle has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma where he will pursue a degree in petroleum engineering.

Tresa Blevins

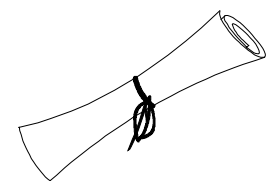


Tresa Kay Blevins is a 2005 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Verda Blevins and the granddaughter of the late Mary Bell Parkerson. Her guardians are Tammy and Danny Purser.

Tresa attended Carter Seminary/Chickasaw Children's Village for four years. She has been active in the Chickasaw Youth Council, FFA and horticulture. She is currently on the honor roll.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

Thank you for all the Chickasaw Graduate submissions. Late arrivals will be published in the June 2005 issue.



Matthew Nimmo

Matthew Nimmo is a 2005 graduate of Oklahoma State University School of Veterinary Medicine. He is the son of David and Carolyn Nimmo, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Estelle Hill and Mary Sue Pearson. His great-great-great-grandfather was Chickasaw Gov. Cyrus Harris.

He was a member of the Phi Zeta Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine. He will be employed by Smith-Peterson Equine Hospital, Ocala, Fla.



Michael Nimmo

Michael Lee Nimmo is a 2005 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law. He is the son of David and Carolyn Nimmo, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Estelle Hill and Mary Sue Pearson. His great-great-great-grandfather was Chickasaw Gov. Cyrus Harris.

Michael is a 2000 graduate of the University of

Oklahoma, where he received degrees in management information systems and international business. Following graduation, he will join a Denver law firm specializing in trial practice.



Basketball squad does well in 'March Madness'



Left to right, Timmy Miller, Jared Walker, Joshua Stick, Trevan Jimboy, Billy Long, Daniel Walker, Joey Hunt. Not pictured Chris Cully.

A team of Chickasaw and other Indian basketball players recently competed in the second annual March Madness Tournament in Dewar, Okla.

The team, Native Ballers,

made it to the second stage of the brackets and played well throughout the tournament. March Madness hosted 16 boys teams and 10 girls teams. Teams were from Oklahoma,

Texas and Arizona.

Native Ballers include Chickasaws Timmy Miller, Jared Walker and Joshua Stick. Other players on the team are Billy Long, Chris Cully, Joey Hunt, Daniel Walker and Trevan Jimboy. The team is coached by Chickasaw Tammy Stick.

Billy Long, an Ada High School sophomore, was named to the West All-Star team.

The team was asked to return for the 2006 March Madness Tournament.

"The boys gave one hundred ten percent each game and represented us proudly," coach Stick said. "The team was complimented on its sportsmanship. These boys are true examples of believing in each other and going after their dreams."

March 2005 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for March 2005 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female students of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Cheyenne Keith, Greenville Elementary, **Tyler Thompson**, Palinview Jr. High, **Ashley Jones**, Thackerville Jr. High, **Anthony Henson**, Plainview Jr. High, **Mallorie McCage**, Thackerville High, **Chase Scott**, Thackerville High are the March Students of the Month for the Pickens District.

"**Cheyenne Keith** should most definitely be chosen as Student of the Month. She is a genuinely sweet and positive person," said Rebecca Richardson. "I have never witnessed Cheyenne speaking a harsh word to anyone. I can always count on her to lighten up my day with her smile. Cheyenne is a very respectful, hard working individual. She always strives for excellence. Cheyenne is a wonderfully unique individual that truly deserves Student of the Month."

Tyler Thompson is a student who is responsible and makes excellent grades. "He completes his assignments and is always eager to accept assignments that are challenging," said Mrs. Whittrock. "Not only is Tyler a good student, but he has a kind heart. He is willing to help others, cheers others to success, and never complains. He is a student

who makes a difference and you can tell by the way his peers look up to him. Their is a joy to have in class."

"**Ashley Jones** makes good grades, has a good attitude and a positive outlook in class. She is an all around good student," said Gwen Bailey. "She is a 4-H member who has raised and shown her own pigs this year. She is a member of the Junior High team."

"**Anthony Henson** is a very good student and works very hard," said Estherlain Stick. "His grades shows it. He makes straight A's. He is very nice and pleasant to his teachers and peers. He would be my choice for Student of the Month."

"**Mallori McCage** is a responsible Student. She is involved in extra-curricular activities and makes good grades," said Gwen Bailey. "She is active in sports and a member of the Spanish club. She is a 4-H member and shows pigs. Mallori is a member of the National Honor Society."

Chase Scott is Vice President of his Class. "He is a FFA member who raises and shows cattle," said Gwen Bailey. "He plays baseball, and basketball. He is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in the Gifted and Talented Program."

Tana McSwain, Ravia Elementary, **Jacob Miller**, Ravia Elementary, **Maggie McBrayer**, Tishomingo Middle School, **Seth Parish**, Tishomingo Middle School are the March Students of the Month for the Tishomingo District.

"**Tanna McSwain** has been in school at Ravia for nine years. She is an excellent student and is always accomplishing anything that she tries to do," said Debbie Allen.

"**Jacob Miller** is an excellent student," said Debbie Allen. "He always strives to do his best."

"**Maggie McBrayer** is a hard working student. She maintains good grades in all her classes. She is always prepared for class," said Donna Owens."

"Maggie participates in classroom discussion. She is respectful to both peers and teachers and is friend-

ly and positive when meeting others. Maggie participates in sports and is a leader for her team and at school."

"**Seth Parish** treats his teachers and peers with respect," said Donna Owens. "He is a hard working student who turns in his work on time and is proud to

participate in class. His behavior at school and in extra curricular activities positively influences those around him."

Ja'Leigh Lawson, Latta Elementary, **Tayt Youngwolfe**, Latta Elementary, **Jalesa Harrison**, Wapanucka Jr. High, **Dustin Rowton**, Wapanucka Jr. High, **Andrea Frizell**, Purcell High, **Jared Brooks**, Wapanucka High are the Pontotoc District Students of the Month.

"**Ja'Leigh Lawson** is an active student, she does very well academically and everyone enjoys her being in our class and school," said Marsha Reeves.

"She is a very good basketball player and is an active 4-H member. She recently gave a 4-H speech which shows great courage and determination to me. Ja'Leigh always puts forth her best and gives 100% to anything she attempts. Therefore, I highly recommend her for Student of the Month."

"**Tayt Youngwolfe** is a good boy and super student. He has made much progress since August," said Fran Cantwell. "Tayt is cooperative with other students. He plays well with students. Tayt does his homework. He always finishes and hands in his work at school. I would like to see Tayt selected."

"**Jalesa Harrison** is a very likeable young lady who gets along well with teachers and students," said Bill Vann. "She is a good student who maintains a respectable GPA."

"**Dustin Rowton** has made a lot of progress this year with his grades and accepting responsibilities here at school," said Bill Vann. "He is a cheerful student with a friendly personality."

"**Jared Brooks** is a sweet, kind young man. He works hard in his classes and is a lot of fun to be around," said Rose Wooley. "He



is always polite and respectful and has a smile that will melt your hearts."

"I have known **Andrea Frizell** for the past two years and served as her Honors Chemistry teacher. It is with great confidence that I recommend her for Student of the Month," said Karla Shackelford. "Andrea exhibits many of the qualities a strong and successful student should exhibit. She is active in her school's clubs and athletics, determined academically and personally driven to overcome obstacles that stand in her way."

"As long as I've known Andrea, she has been busy keeping up not only her schoolwork, but also her involvement as the pitcher on the high school's state championship softball team. Andrea has not limited her extracurricular involvement to athletics. Andrea excels academically as well, devoting herself to a time-consuming and often exhausting schedule. Andrea has been chosen as one of only ten Oklahoma students to receive the Ferguson Jenkins Award for student-athletes. Her involvement in all areas of the school, from National Honor Society to Key Club to Spanish Club, shows her well-rounded personality, leadership qualities and devotion to improving herself and helping others around her. This alone is a quality worthy of notice."

"However, Andrea's strengths do not begin and end with her involvement in extracurricular activities. She excels academically

as well. Andrea has been in my honors class as well as honors Spanish IV, classes that require a great deal of her time."

"Andrea never fails to turn in quality work and to use her time management wisely so that she can do things well. She is respectful in class and a wonderful mentor to younger girls on her team. These qualities will take her far in life but inner drive is another quality that sets her apart as a success."

"Finally, it is Andrea's personal, inward strive for excellence that sets her apart from others. Several times as her teacher, I have caught Andrea felling confused about a subject I was teaching, stressed about an upcoming deadline, or simply overwhelmed. However, Andrea's strength of character means that she fixed her troubles, whether it be coming in for extra help or simple spending the time to understand through questioning. Andrea has occasionally missed school participating in an extra-curricular activity but she has not miss any days due to illness or personal reasons. When she knows she will be out of class for an activity she always assumes the responsibility to come in early to make up what she has or will miss in class. I have seen Andrea tape broken ribs and pitch almost flawless games because her team was depending on her and she demands so much of herself. This quality to overcome the odds or face the problem is not a quality every high school student possesses but it is the quality that makes Andrea so unique to me and makes me respect her."

"Andrea Frizell couldn't be more deserving of Student of the Month. It is with pleasure that I recommend her for your award and with hope that I submit this letter. Andrea exemplifies the strength, character, and intelligence that I have seen in so many proud Chickasaw women."



Tribe tackled tough adversaries U.S., Oklahoma

Arkansas Riverbed case had twists and turns like the river

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Virtually all of the once vast domains of the Cherokees, Chickasaws and Choctaws were gone by mid-20th century. But in the 1960s a lawyer working for the latter two tribes believed that the three tribes still owned the Arkansas Riverbed from Muskogee east to the state line. Proving that contention and settling with two other rather formidable claimants, Oklahoma and the United States, would consume decades and feature almost as many twists and turns as the river itself. Telling the story takes at least a series of articles, and illustrates the often complex, often tortured relationships between the larger governments and Indian tribes in the latter half of the 20th century.

The Arkansas Riverbed Case, Part I

by Richard Green

"Here's one that will really grab you." Iris Adams was addressing her supervisor Charlie Ward in a note dated December 29, 1965. Ward was Oklahoma Representative Carl Albert's top staff assistant in Washington. She told how a lawyer named Lon Kile had just called from Hugo, Oklahoma wanting to speak to Ward. When she told Kile that Ward was not available, he said it was "imperative [that he speak to him] and second only to the Viet Nam [sic] war [in importance]." But when Ward still could not be made to materialize, Kile trusted Iris with the details.¹

In her note to Ward, she quoted Kile: "the Arkansas [river] is navigable from Muskogee to the Arkansas border ... the Choctaw Nation and Cherokee Nation claim to be the owners of the bed of the Arkansas under treaties of the U.S. Government ... A recent *Tulsa World* front page article, 'State Claims Court Suit for Title to Old River Bed,' tells the story." According to the article, Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon announced that the state intends to "stake out a claim to some 20,000 acres of eastern Oklahoma land that formerly was in the Arkansas River bed."² A series of projects needed to make the river navigable put the river in a new chan-

nel. Oil and gas leases on the riverbed have totaled \$600,000 since 1955. Other sales are pending. The article went on to say that unless the state could establish title to the land, the School Land Commission may have to refund the lease money to the oil companies. Ultimately, said state Attorney General Charles Nesbitt, lands valued at several million dollars may be involved. The Indian tribes were not mentioned in the article and Iris explained why: "Now for the catch—Mr. Kile said this was not for publication but to tell you that Choctaw Nation is going to file the initial law suit."³

Kile said that much research will have to be done in the next thirty days in the Library of Congress concerning ownership of rivers and treaties made with other Indian tribes. And since he had neither the time nor money to do the job himself, he wanted Ward to call the library and have someone assigned to the job.⁴

Though Kile may not have mentioned the Chickasaws in that phone call, the tribe had been involved in the matter with the Choctaws as potential litigants since 1963. Actually, within a week after Governor Overton James's inauguration, he received a letter jointly addressed to him and Choctaw Chief Jimmie Belvin from W.F. Semple, the Tulsa attorney who was representing both tribes in a land dispute with the government. In that letter, Semple wrote: "The attorneys in the U.S. Attorney's Office at Muskogee are aware of the fact that I claim the entire bed of the Arkansas River for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, but they do not want to concede that I am right at this time, although they are giving outside expressions to the effect that they rather believe I am right."⁵

Semple was probably seeing what he wanted to see. He had been preparing his case and hoped to bring it to trial in the U.S. District Court in early 1964. Unfortunately for Semple, this fascinating possibility of recovering millions of dollars for the Indian tribes occurred too late in his legal career. By late 1963, Semple was an elderly man in failing health. His mental faculties had been deteriorat-

ing, possibly due to a series of small strokes, and it was clear to James and Belvin that Semple was not capable of taking the case to court. All parties were spared the embarrassment of tackling the dilemma, however, when Semple died in 1965. With James's concurrence, Belvin hired Lon Kile, a young attorney from Hugo.

Meanwhile, Virgil Harrington, the Area Agency director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs [BIA] office in Muskogee, was providing useful information and unofficial moral support to the tribes. In November 1965, he sent the tribes a copy of a part of "Rinehart's Oil Report" listing thirty-three Arkansas riverbed tracts which were leased for oil and gas by the state for approximately \$385,000—on just one date, November 8, 1965. Harrington wrote that the state had sold numerous such leases on these riverbed tracts since 1958 and that the BIA has records on most, which are available for inspection. "One of these riverbed tracts leased by the State is participating in a 640-acre gas producing unit at the present time," wrote Harrington. Then, he revealed the big news. "It is our understanding that THE COMMISSIONERS OF LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA are holding funds received from bonuses, rentals, and royalties on these riverbed tracts in suspense, pending settlement of the title question."⁶

To Lon Kile, this meant that the state did not have much faith in its claim to the riverbed lands. Kile had been hired for several reasons. Among them, he was a competent attorney who believed that the tribes would prevail. He was young, hungry and willing to risk investing hundreds of hours for the chance of winning several pots of gold if the tribes were victorious. In other words, he was willing to work on a contingency basis. James said that the large, well-established law firms in the state would not work on contingency, especially in a case as dubious as this one.⁷

The tribes' claim was based on the removal treaties signed between them and the U.S. government in the 1830s. The intent of the treaties was to

move the Indians across the Mississippi River so that white settlers could expand into their former homelands. In the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, signed Sept. 27, 1830, the federal government gave the Choctaws title to several million acres of land in what is now the southern third of Oklahoma. According to the treaty, the U.S. pledged that "no territory or state shall ever have a right to pass laws for the government of the Choctaw Nation ... and that no part of the land granted to them shall ever be embraced in any territory or state." A similar agreement was made with the Cherokee Nation by the Treaty of New Echota, signed December 29, 1835. On a map, the Cherokee's new land resembled a hatchet head lying across the northern part of Oklahoma. The hatchet's cutting edge appears serrated because it is defined by the Arkansas and Canadian Rivers.⁸

Later treaties gave other Indian tribes land that was originally included in these two grants, and the Chickasaw Nation was given an undivided one-fourth interest in the remainder of the Choctaw Land. How that came about is summarized here from *The Chickasaws* by Arrell Gibson.⁹

Of all the southern tribes, the Chickasaws had been the most

of their ancient lands. Although their lands had been reduced in size by earlier treaties, what was left by the 1820s was considered by the fullbloods to be their sacred homeland. To leave it would be blasphemous. But the federal pressure to join the other tribes in the west was strong and unrelenting. Finally in 1837, in the Treaty of Doaksville, the tribe agreed to pay the Choctaws \$530,000 for a new home in the central and western portions of that tribe's vast domain [across what is now southern Oklahoma].¹⁰

When the tribes separated in 1855, they met in Washington, D.C. to dissolve the 1837 treaty and draw up a new one with the aid of George Manypenny, commissioner of Indian Affairs. It provided for a three-way division of the old Choctaw Nation. The Choctaws retained the eastern third as the new Choctaw Nation; the Chickasaws paid \$150,000 for the center third [which would become the Chickasaw Nation in 1856], and the two tribes agreed to lease the western third to the federal government as a reserve for Plains Indians. Based on

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All applicants must complete the application and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. **All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by Wednesday, June 1, 2005 to be considered for funding.** Applications are also available on the Chickasaw Nation website by visiting www.chickasaw.net. Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 if you are interested in applying for one of our scholarships or contributing to our scholarship program.

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
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- Full-time Chickasaw students only.
- Junior or senior year in any four-year college.

- History major or education or pre-law major with a minor in history (Chickasaw or Native American studies emphasis).

- One - \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester).

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.

- Major in finance, business or accounting.

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate, graduate or vo-tech students.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate students in a four-year college.

- Major in education.

- One - \$1,500 scholarship (\$750 per semester).

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Undergraduate students in any four-year college.

- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.

- One - \$3,000 scholarship (\$1,500 per semester).

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Undergraduate students.

- Accounting, business or finance major and pursuing a career in banking.

- Three - \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Major in Native American studies, history or education.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

- Full-time Chickasaw students only.

- Student in freshman year at any two or four-year college.

- Proof of income (most recent filed tax form for financial need).

- One - \$500 scholarship.

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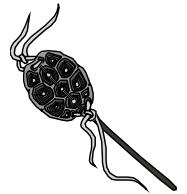
- Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Undergraduate or graduate students.

- Social work or a pre-approved healthcare related major.

- One - \$500 scholarship.

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Cultural Evening patch, flyer design contest open to all artists

Attention Artists of All Ages!

The Chickasaw Foundation is sponsoring a flyer and patch design contest. The winning entry will be the design featured on the Cultural Evening flyer to promote the event, and the patch for the scout groups attending

the evening's activities.

Entries must be on 8 1/2 x 11 unlined paper and in black ink or marker. All entries must be of Native American origin and feature items related to Chickasaw culture. (Consideration must be made towards the design fitting onto a patch so detail will have

to be kept to a minimum for print quality on the patch and flyers.)

Entry forms must be completed and attached to the respective entry. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 27, 2005 at 5 p.m.

Upward Bound students



The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound graduating class of 2005 attended a workshop at Murray State College on March 5 to complete their Murray State College admission forms and their federal financial aid packets or FAFSA online. Students were also given information on additional scholarships available as well as a directory of scholarship websites. A few parents also attended. There are 22 Upward Bound bridge students going to college in 2005. They will each be taking six hours of college credit courses through the summer program at Murray State College. Upon successful completion of their classes, the bridge students will be taken on a year-end trip to Durango, Colorado. Although this will be the end of their participation in the Upward Bound program, each year they will be contacted to track their success in obtaining their bachelor's degrees.



Former Upward Bound student and counselor Tony Bennett stopped by the office during University of Oklahoma spring break week. Tony was presented his Outstanding Peer Counselor award from Mike Cox, Director of Trio Programs. Tony missed the presentation of this award during the Chickasaw Foundation Friends of the Foundation reception because he was attending college.

Chickasaws of 1700s engaged in spiritual quest for purity

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

As the sun edges above the horizon, the first men and children come out of the family's winter houses, and after praying to the fire in the sky, sing further praises while walking down the gentle slope to the stream.

It is December 1721 and the village of Falacheco is covered with a haze of fresh snow. But no one seems to mind the cold although they wear only breechcloths. Some are still sweating from the heat generated by the glowing coals inside their small, well-insulated homes. Within minutes, the stragglers have joined the others on the banks of Coonewah Creek.

Without hesitation, some of them plunge into the stream. Others break the coating of ice that has formed over pools before submerging themselves. They begin every day like this not to prove their toughness, but to rid themselves of impurities from the previous day. It is fitting that they begin each day this way because their lives are an enduring spiritual quest to achieve purity and maintain balance.

That the Chickasaws practiced this rite of purity every day suggests that despite their best intention and effort, they did things, consciously and unconsciously, that stained them with impurities and threw their lives out of balance.

In a sense, their lives were

complicated because their religion and priests dictated so many do's and don'ts associated with purity/impurity, balance/imbalance. On the other hand, their lives were theoretically simplified because from childhood on everyone learned the rules and restrictions, which were understandable in a black and white way. Violations led to punishment or bad consequences.

Don't pollute fire with water. Don't eat predatory birds or animals that eat meat (bears excepted). Isolate people who have become impure, for example, wounded warriors and menstruating women, until they have been purified through prescribed rituals by priests.

There were many more rules, more than we will ever know because most of this information has been lost with time. Many Chickasaw practices changed or were discarded throughout the 18th century through contact with European colonialists. And, removal produced a profound and pervasive disconnect of traditional cultural information.

To a large extent, what we do know about purity and pollution comes only indirectly from Chickasaws. Our main source is English trader James Adair who lived with the tribe periodically in the 1740s and 1750s. He was a careful observer and gatherer of information and history, but he was an outsider who was not permitted to witness or be told about certain religious ceremonies. Furthermore, the

information he presented in his 1775 book, *History of the American Indians*, was not part of a systematic study of Chickasaw culture, but was slanted to prove his contention that Indians were descended from ancient Hebrews.

Nevertheless, Adair gives us enough information to understand the pivotal nature of the quest for purity in the lives of most 18th century Chickasaws and other southeastern tribes. He writes that impurity or pollution, as he calls it, was both an individual and a collective concern. Those who failed to practice purification rites religiously had their arms and legs painfully "dry-scratched" with snake's teeth or garfish teeth. Such misdeeds and many others over the course of a year gradually polluted the village's sacred fire. So, when the Chickasaws' renewal ceremony (sometimes called the Green Corn Ceremony) was held in the late spring, the old sacred fires were extinguished and new sacred fires were kindled.

Other forms of purification were part of the annual ceremony. A priest took "yopon or cusseena leaves" and boiled them in water in a large earthen pot to make "black drink." In connection with singing a chant, the villagers periodically drank the brew from conch shells throughout the ceremony to purge their systems. They also consumed black drink on other religious occasions throughout the year, followed by ritual bathing for further cleansing. Shut-ins who could not attend the ceremony had black drink delivered to them in conch shells by a priest.

Adair wrote that bear oil was essential to the annual renewal ceremony and other religious rites. But he explained that bears were scarce in some years, leading to a shortage of oil. Traders offered to supplement the supply but the Indians believed that white people were so "impure and accursed" that their oil would pollute the sacred ceremony. Other restrictions applied, some with serious consequences. Sexual relations were strictly forbidden during the eight days of the renewal ceremony, Adair wrote. The guilty were treated like outcasts

for attracting such pollution. "Some have shot themselves dead, rather than stand the shame..."

In some cases, a priest would say that the collective pollution of a village had led to its destruction. French colonial records reveal that in the winter of 1722-23, Choctaws attacked and then or later burned three Chickasaw villages now believed to have been located on the ridge overlooking Coonewah Creek, in southwestern Lee County, Mississippi. The inhabitants of all three, including Falacheco, reconstituted their villages near two other distinct settlement areas located a few miles to the northeast. The French referred to these settlements as the large and small prairies.

The Choctaw attacks doubtless were in retaliation for years of slave raids conducted mainly by Chickasaw warriors aligned with the English colony of Carolina. But the *hopaye* or chief priest of Falacheco, for instance, may have explained the attacks in terms he understood better. (Apparently, no mention of Chickasaw female *hopaye* exists in colonial records.) The misdeeds of the people, the priest might have explained, caused their village to be so polluted that the deity meted out punishment by provoking or not preventing the devastating attacks.

What Chickasaws needed to know for maintaining purity and balance were part of what Adair called the "beloved speech"—the cultural and religious rules of their society. Accordingly, the lives of the people were filled with purification rites and avoiding certain polluting behaviors. Tribal members were aided by priests who were specially trained and prepared by going through their own (largely secret) rituals. Adair captured only some of it. A priest spent three days and nights cleansing himself, sweating and praying in a small green hut isolated from the village. During this time, he consumed nothing but green tobacco and black drink to purge his body of impurities even more. Afterward, he donned his "priestly garments and ornaments" and bear's oil (another purification aid) was poured over his head.

He was now prepared to deal with serious injuries, wounds and diseases that were thought to result from impurity or imbalance. These afflicted individuals were isolated in small huts for a lengthy period of time. Every day, the *hopaye* attended to them separately, praying, chanting and administering medicinal herbs. No one suspected of being impure could visit. If the person was deemed to be beyond recovery, family members dug the grave, anointed the hair and painted the face to prevent pollution in the next world. Upon death, the remaining funeral preparations were carried out and the corpse was buried. By virtue of their participation, they were now unclean. So, they were isolated for several days and attended by a *hopaye*; they also imbibed black drink and bathed in a stream.

Women in the 18th century were isolated in small huts for the duration of their menstruation. In periods of warfare (and there were many), these women were at risk of being killed by an enemy warrior. Surely, in the early 18th century, Choctaw warriors killed some of these women isolated from their villages along the ridge overlooking Coonewah Creek.

Those Choctaw, however, were taking a frightful risk if they touched or went too near to their victims. This could bring "a most horrid and dangerous pollution" on not only themselves but also their fellow warriors. When the period of isolation ended, the woman purified herself in "deep running water" before returning to her home and family. Those women who avoided this ritual, or a man who came into contact with the woman during this forbidden period, were dealt with severely and risked bringing on personal problems and being blamed for disasters associated with such essential elements of tribal life as weather, hunting and battle.

Purity restrictions applied to women who had just given birth. Anthropologist Frank Speck wrote that the mother would remain in the menstrual hut for two months, eating no fresh meat.

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Chickasaw Foundation STARS event benefits local schools

The Chickasaw Foundation STARS event, Schools That Achieve to Raise Scholars, was March 29 in Ada. The event raised several thousand dollars for Pontotoc County schools.

The event featured Oklahoma's First Lady Kim Henry, News Channel 4's Kevin Ogle, dinner, "celebrity" waiters, entertainment provided by local schools and a silent auction.



Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry gives the keynote address during the 2005 Chickasaw Foundation STARS event.

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Anne Seeley Scholarship honors woman who advocated active lives

The Chronic Disease Directors, the University of South Carolina Prevention Research Center, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are pleased to announce the availability of the Anne Seeley Scholarship. This scholarship will enable a person outside the field of public health to attend the annual Physical Activity and Public Health Practitioners' Course on Community Interventions. The course will be September 15 – 21, 2005 at the Sea Pines Resort and Conference

Center, Hilton Head, S.C.

The scholarship will cover costs of attending the course: registration (which includes meals and lodging) and travel to and from the course location.

The scholarship was established to honor the memory of Anne Seeley, who recently passed away after a difficult battle with cancer. Anne was a true pioneer in the area of active living through her efforts as Coordinator of the Active Community Environments Program within California Department of Health Services' Physical

Activity and Health Initiative. She was relentless in her efforts to increase public health's involvement in national and state transportation, land use, trail building, and park and recreation priorities.

Under Anne's vision and leadership, California Walks, the Healthy Transportation Network, California Safe Routes to School, and California Walk to School Day Headquarters were established and continue to flourish today. Her simple dream was to get more people, more active, more often.

Though Anne's vital presence and enthusiasm are missed as work continues to promote physical activity, her efforts to build stronger relationships between public health and other community sectors that influence activity are important.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must work in transportation, land use planning, parks and recreation, or other non-public health fields. The scholarship selection process is integrated into the course application process - only for-

mal applicants for the course will be considered for the scholarship. Those who wish to be considered for the scholarship must clearly indicate this in their application.

Interested applicants should go to <http://prevention.sph.sc.edu/seapines/index.htm> for course information and instructions on how to apply. Applications are due by May 15, 2005.

Great ways to really get your daily fruits and vegetables!

Closing the gap between what is recommended and what we actually eat

Most of us have probably heard the recommendation in one form or another, to eat *at least* five servings of fruits and vegetables daily. However, most Americans, including children, do not eat the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables. The current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans have aimed to simplify the recommendation by encouraging Americans to eat at least 2 cups of fruit and 2 cups of vegetables daily, keeping in mind that needs may be slightly lower or higher depending on total calorie needs. Whatever the method for keeping track of your fruit and vegetable intake, aiming to eat the recommended amount is an important component of achieving and maintaining optimal health.

It is important to know the nu-

tritional benefits that fruits and vegetables provide. Fruits and vegetables contain many vitamins and minerals important to good health, including vitamins A and C, folate and potassium. Fruits and vegetables also provide the body with fiber, and many are rich in phytochemicals, plant substances thought to have a variety of health benefits. The components in fruits and vegetables may help protect against the aging process and certain diseases such as heart disease, cancer, hypertension and obesity. Since different fruits and vegetables contain different types and amounts of nutrients, it is important to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables, and to eat them on a regular basis.

Fitting in adequate fruits and vegetables takes planning! If the amount of fruits and vegetables you are eating now is nowhere

near the recommended amount, try to increase your intake a little at a time. Over time, including fruits and vegetables with meals and snacks throughout the day should come more naturally to you, making it easier to reach your goals. Because many of us are very busy and on the go or away from home quite a bit, consider these tips and strategies for increasing your intake:

- Always be sure to have plenty of fresh fruits on hand such as apples, oranges, bananas, peaches, pears and plums. These fruits require zero preparation or packaging time. You can always take them with you "to go."

- When eating out, consider restaurants that offer fruits and vegetables. Some fast food restaurants are even beginning to offer fruits as a side dish as an alternative to French fries.

- Use a blender to make smoothies with ingredients such

as fresh and frozen fruit, juice, milk and yogurt. Put it in a cup and take it with you.

- Exchange your jelly or honey on your peanut butter sandwich for sliced bananas, strawberries, apples or shredded carrots.

- Add berries or chopped fruit to your cereal, yogurt, gelatin, pudding, ice cream or frozen yogurt.

- Spring and summer are great seasons for experimenting with fruit salads – buy your favorite fruits in season, chop and mix together. Favorite mix-ins include chopped walnuts, almonds and pecans, shredded coconut, yogurt, whipped topping and marshmallows. Be careful with the extras, though, some can add quite a few extra calories in the form of sugar or fat, and often a very small amount will give you the desired flavor.

- In addition to fresh fruits and vegetables, consider canned and frozen varieties, especially those without added sugar and salt.

- Stir fry vegetables with a small amount of olive oil or simply coat the pan with cooking spray. Use fresh vegetables

such as squash, zucchini, peppers and onions, or your favorite frozen vegetable mix, such as an asparagus mix or a mix of broccoli, cauliflower and carrots. Add your favorite spices such as garlic powder, onion powder, Italian seasoning, basil and oregano, and serve atop pasta or rice.

- Consider adding peas, carrots, green beans or broccoli to your favorite casseroles, such as chicken and noodle or chicken and rice.

The Nutrition Services department of the Chickasaw Nation provides a variety of programs to promote overall health and nutrition. Programs include the WIC Program, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program, Food Distribution Program, Food and Nutrition Services for the Health System, Farmers' Market, Senior Farmers' Market and the Get Fresh Nutrition Education Program. Nutrition Services offices are located in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Duncan, Tishomingo, Pauls Valley and Sulphur.

By Whitney Hollingsworth, RD,LD

REACH 2010 Program opening enrollment

The Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) 2010 Program is a demonstration study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The purpose of the study is to promote physical activity to aid in the prevention of diabetes and heart disease among Native Americans.

The first 100 applicants who meet eligibility requirements and agree to the conditions of a 16-month probation period may enroll.

Interested individuals must be at least 10 years of age, with a CDIB or tribal citizenship/en-

rollment card. Participants must be accessible for body measurements twice yearly and activity tracking calendars should be completed each month. Participants are rewarded for having measurements recorded and a REACH raffle is held three times per year.

Monthly events, open to REACH participants and their family members, are held in Ada and include swimming, skating, bowling and other family-oriented activities. Involvement in activities offered by other Chickasaw Nation divisions and departments, such as Youth

and Family, Wellness and the Moccasin Trail program, as well as fitness and leisure activities or school sports programs, is encouraged.

For more information, contact Lea Caufield, REACH 2010 Coordinator, at (580) 310-9661 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center at 229 W. Seabrook Rd. in Ada.

To ensure continued delivery of monthly REACH newsletters, current participants are encouraged to call the fitness center to report a change of address as a result of the new 911-enhanced phone service.

Carter/Bloomfield Alumni Reunion

May 14, 2005

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ardmore Chickasaw Nutrition Site
Carter Campus

2400 Chickasaw, Ardmore, Okla.

For more information call Dorothy Holt, (580) 223-0541.

All alumni and employees welcome!

Chickasaw goes the extra mile for breast cancer awareness



Chickasaw Mike Wingo is a big supporter of breast cancer research and awareness. He will soon compete in the Breast Cancer 3-Day event in Dallas.

Equipped with his hot pink Converse high tops, a pink "Changing Lives" wristband and a pink ribbon on his car, one man will soon make the journey to Dallas to help inspire others, while being inspired himself.

Chickasaw Mike Wingo has a mission in life – a mission to inform, encourage and help others, a mission to spread the word about breast cancer awareness and prevention.

Next month Wingo, along with hundreds of other volunteers, will spend a weekend in the hot Texas sun setting up tents and shuffling baggage from one location to another. Once again, Wingo will be on the gear and tent crew at the Annual Breast

Cancer 3-Day event.

The event is comprised of a series of three-day walks that will raise millions of dollars to fund critical breast cancer research, education and community outreach programs.

Wingo was a volunteer for the event in 2002 when it was conducted in Dallas. In June, the event returns to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and Wingo wasted no time submitting his volunteer application.

"I feel it is important that we all have some way to give back in life and this is just my way," he said.

The Breast Cancer 3-Day event is a 60-mile walk for women and men who want to

make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. Each day thousands of participants walk 20 miles to a make-shift tent city. The participants are provided with three meals a day, snacks, liquids, mobile showers, port-a-potties, sleeping tents, safety guidelines and medical support.

Wingo was introduced to the event in 2002 by a friend. He and his friend were on the crew team responsible for setting up thousands of tents and hauling thousands of pieces of luggage in support of the 2,500-plus walkers.

"It was probably the three hardest days of physical labor in my life without receiving a paycheck," Wingo said. "But the emotional paycheck of knowing that I was helping literally thousands of people made it one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

Although he hasn't had a family member affected by the disease, Wingo went in support of his friend who had.

"Breast cancer research has long been a charitable cause that I've worked diligently for and my participation in 3-Day is one way to keep other families from having to struggle with this disease," he said.

Aside from lending his time and energy to the cause, Wingo has raised \$400 for the event. Money raised by walkers and volunteers benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust (NPT).

This year, the Breast Cancer 3-Day event will return to six of the 2004 cities and enter six new cities for a total of 12 events. The 2005 Breast Cancer 3-Day series includes events in: Dallas/

Fort Worth, Kansas City, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Boston, Detroit, Seattle, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Tampa, San Diego and Phoenix.

While at the 2002 event, Wingo was surrounded by inspiring stories of survival, stories of hope and stories of remembrance. He recalled seeing a mother, who was battling breast cancer, struggle as she crossed the finish line. By her side were her daughters, there to support her all the way.

He said seeing people worse off than himself, makes it a lot easier to overcome obstacles he faces.

"It's just an awesome and rewarding experience," Wingo said. "I get jazzed up just talking about it."

Wingo said his pink Converse

are an easy way to inform others about the 3-Day event and breast cancer awareness. In addition, he carries factual information in his car in case he meets someone who has a question about breast cancer.

It's not often you come across a person so unselfish and giving, so passionate about a cause. Wingo didn't think twice about canceling an annual music festival trip to Tennessee so he could donate his time to this worthwhile cause.

To donate to the 3-Day event, visit www.the3day.org, click "sponsor a participant" and enter Michael Wingo.

Wingo is a tribal youth specialist and has worked for the Chickasaw Nation since 2001. *Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

Breast cancer facts

In 2005, more than 200,000 women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die of the disease. A woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes. Every 13 minutes, the disease claims another life. In the U.S. today, there are more than two million breast cancer survivors.

Breast cancer is one of the American women. It is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among nearly every racial and ethnic group, including African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latina women. Race is not considered a factor that might increase a woman's chance of getting breast cancer. However, the rates of developing and dy-

ing from the disease differ among ethnic groups. Some of the reasons for these differences include possible differences in specific risk factors of differences in breast cancer screening rates. The latter could be due to lack of awareness about mammography, cost of health insurance and lack of access to screening facilities.

According to the National Cancer Institute, from 1997 to 2001 there were 54.2 new cases per 100,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives from breast cancer in the United States. In addition, there were 13.6 deaths per 100,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives. The five-year cancer survival rate for American Indian women is lower than that of any other ethnic and racial group in the U.S.

Annual Babysitters College courses begin May 23

ADA – The Chickasaw Nation behavioral health department has announced the return of the annual Babysitters College. The northern region training, or Ada area, will be May 23 and 24, at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. The southern region training, or Tishomingo area, will be May 26 and 27 at the Tishomingo Clinic.

The training will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

The application deadline is May 18 for the northern region; May 20 for the southern region. Only the first 25 applicants at each location will be accepted. Applications can be picked up in the Carl Albert behavioral health department or at the Tishomingo Clinic.

Deanna Carpitche, behavioral health community educator, says the training is an excellent tool for babysitters.

"This college teaches babysitters how to protect themselves, as well as the children they're watching," she said.

To be eligible for this free training, applicants must be 12 to 18 years old, Native American, or the child of a Chickasaw Nation employee and must have transportation to and from the facility.

The Babysitters College will address infant and child CPR;

first aid and safety; child abuse identification and reporting; shaken baby syndrome prevention; nutritious meals and snacks; formula preparation; dressing and diaper changing infants and toddlers; age-appropriate exercises and activities; self defense; babysitter etiquette; and the importance of hand washing and proper hand washing techniques.

Participants attending the

two-day training will receive a completion certificate and written proof of first aid and CPR training. Lunch and snacks will be provided during the training.

For more information on the Babysitters College, call Deanna Carpitche at (580) 436-3980, ext. 82261 for the northern region, or Nancy Boston at (580) 371-2362 for the southern region. *Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.*

Breastfeeding seminar relates health positives to students

ADA, Okla. – Nearly 100 health care professionals and individuals eager to learn how to assist breastfeeding mothers attended a breastfeeding educator seminar March 29 through 31 in Ada. The event was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

In addition to participating in the workshop, which addressed the normal course of lactation, participants also completed an assessment and problem solving practicum and an examination addressing common challenges with breastfeeding.

“The Chickasaw Nation embraces many health promotion and disease prevention initiatives,” said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator. “Clearly, the health benefits such as decreased incidence of diabetes warrants our active support for the health

initiative,” he added.

Debi Tipton, Chickasaw Nation WIC program manager, said the seminar was a success.

“We had attendees from all areas of health care including a sociology professor,” she said. “Each participant was so excited about what she learned, and about her new abilities to help a breastfeeding mom be successful.”

The comprehensive three-day seminar was taught by the program’s originator, Debi Bocar, RN, PhD, IBCLC. Bocar is a nationally recognized and clinically experienced lactation consultant. She provided the theoretical background and described clinical applications to help individuals assist families in optimizing their breastfeeding experiences.

“Practical assistance from

knowledgeable health care providers is critical to get breastfeeding off to a good start,” Dr. Bocar said. “Experts must also be available for telephone assistance, home health care and out-patient consultations to assist mothers as they overcome common challenges during the first weeks.”

Forty-one people attending the seminar received continuing education credit, certification or recertification as a breastfeeding educator.

Sessions during the event included: prenatal care for breastfeeding families, optimizing first feedings; demystifying milk supply; special maternal and infant situations; overcoming early challenges and combining employment and breastfeeding.

According to Dr. Bocar, to-

day, most mothers breastfeed. Employed mothers, mothers at home, mothers of premature or ill infants and mothers in a variety of special situations choose breastfeeding because of the numerous benefits.

Scientific investigations have recently identified significant benefits of breastfeeding which include increased intelligence, and protection against childhood infections, diabetes, liver disease, certain types of cancers, allergies, immune system disorders and sudden infant death syndrome. Mothers who breastfeed have a reduced incidence of breast cancer and osteoporosis.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, human milk is species-specific, and all substitute feeding preparations differ markedly from it, making human milk uniquely superior for infant feeding.

Chickasaw Nation Health System employees who earned

certification as breastfeeding educators included: Lisa Eddings, Sonya Frazier, Susan Faint, E. Irene Hunt, Susan Hurst, Kathy Maxey, Shannon Wagnon, Lori Worchester, Shondra McCage, Davalyn Billings, Erica Dean, Angie Rosso, Melanie Todd, Sarah Miracle, Loretta Anoa-tubby, Angela Curlee, Connie Davis, Jennifer Hayes, Whitney Hollingsworth, Toni Leader, Krista Mee, Miranda Narvaez, DaWanna Price, Lori Spann, Jamie Spottedbird, Jessie Stallcup, Kisha Williams and Jennifer Wright.

“I greatly appreciate our nutrition services department’s leadership for the many wonderful programs that benefit our people,” Lance said.

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State dietetic group names Dean ‘Young Dietitian of the Year’



Several Chickasaw Nation registered dietitians attend the Oklahoma Dietetic Association Conference to show their support for Young Dietitian of the Year, Erica Dean. Pictured from left are Debi Tipton, Melody Schrank, Whitney Hollingsworth, tribal Director of Nutrition Services Melinda Newport, Erica Dean, Sarah Miracle and Melanie Todd.

The Oklahoma Dietetic Association (ODA) recently named Erica Dean, registered dietitian at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, the 2005 Young Dietitian of the Year.

Each year the ODA recognizes outstanding Oklahoma dietitians. During the 2005 Spring Convention, the ODA presented awards in the following cate-

gories: Young Dietitian of the Year, Dietetic Technician of the Year, Emerging Leader in Dietetics and Oklahoma Distinguished Dietitian.

Dean, 26, has worked for the tribe since 2002. She consults with both inpatients and outpatients. In addition, she has American Heart Association CPR certification and is a certi-

fied breastfeeding educator.

“Erica has introduced some terrific new ideas and educational materials, both for promoting wellness and assisting those with diabetes, obesity and heart disease,” said Melinda Newport, Chickasaw Nation Director of Nutrition Services. “She is most deserving of this honor and we are fortunate to have her as a nutrition colleague in our Health System.”

Dean earned a master’s degree in nutritional science from Oklahoma State University. She is an associate member of the American Dietetics Association, Oklahoma Dietetics Association and serves as president-elect for the Southeastern District Dietetic Association.

Dean decided to become a dietitian because she had always been interested in fitness and health.

“It is a big honor for someone to receive this award and be recognized by associates,” Dean said.

Dean was accompanied to the convention by other registered dietitians from the Chickasaw Nation.

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May 20 deadline for applications to Diabetes Family Leadership Camp

Eating better, becoming more active and improving self-management skills will be areas of focus at the annual Diabetes Family Leadership Camp June 21 through 24 at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur, Okla.

To qualify for the camp, individuals must be patients of the Chickasaw Nation Health System, either at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Family Practice Clinic in Ada, or at one of the Indian Health Clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Purcell or Durant.

The deadline for applicants is May 20.

The camp is absolutely free

and each camper is allowed to bring up to three guests, over the age of 12.

All campers are expected to participate in educational and physical activities. In addition, campers must have a medical release form signed by their medical providers. The medical release form may be picked up at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital or at the clinics listed above.

For questions or to register, come by the Diabetes Care Center, at 1001 N. Country Club Road in Ada, or call 1 (800) 851-

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Tribal representative to be in Chickasha May 16

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha May 16 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs, visit

Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

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'Hughes Crossing' traces Chickasaw history to Blue River

A resolution acknowledging Mamie and Austin Britte Hughes for establishing "Hughes Crossing" and designating Blue River Public Hunting and Fishing area as "Hughes Crossing" was passed by the Oklahoma Wildlife Commission April 4.

Blue River is located four miles east of Tishomingo, Okla., in Johnston County.

The "Hughes Crossing" designation pays tribute to the family of Mamie Cravatt and Austin Britte Hughes, who received eight allotments on Blue River, one with a natural river crossing used by early pioneers.

Locals traveling in the area often used the crossing, and naturally began calling it "Hughes Crossing."

"What a grand way for our family's name to finally be recognized and our heritage marked in Oklahoma and Chickasaw history! After all, everyone in Johnston county and lots

of people across the nation who are acquainted with Blue River do know it unofficially as 'Hughes Crossing,'" said Linda (Hughes) Sweat, granddaughter of Mamie and Austin.

Recognizing the potential of the property, the Hughes family established a hunting and fishing camp on the east bank of the river crossing. The family charged 50 cents a day or \$1.00 a car carrying four passengers for four days of recreation and relaxation.

Mrs. Sweat said her father, Jeff Hughes, had great success fishing at the location.

"Many years ago, people knew that if Jeff Hughes was not catching any fish they might just as well put their poles up and go to the house because the fish just weren't biting that day and the fish just couldn't be found," said Mrs. Hughes.

Another granddaughter, Betty Kemp, said "keeping the

Hughes Crossing name was a dream of the family ever since the hunting and fishing area was established."

Family members said Oklahoma District #20 Representative Paul Roan from Tishomingo, deserves much of the credit for convincing the commission to enact the name change.

The area around Hughes Crossing is still known as a prime hunting and fishing area. There are more than 70 campsites located near the crossing, and the area attracts a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts, from hunters and fisherman to campers and day visitors.

Blue River supports a winter-time trout season from Nov. 1 to March 31 annually. The river also supports good fishing for channel catfish and sunfish species year-round.



Descendants of Austin Britte Hughes and Mamie Cravatt Hughes display the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation resolution designating Blue River Public Hunting and fishing Area as Hughes Crossing. From left are Carolee Maxwell, Betty Ruth Kemp, Kim Erichson of the ODWC, Jimme Dale Sweat, Liberty Sweat, Linda Sweat and Nancy Jo Shipley.

Tribe receives homeland pottery



Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepts historic pottery presented to Chickasaw Nation by Rena Duncan.

Rena Duncan, former historic preservation officer for the Chickasaw Nation, recently presented a small piece of pottery from the homeland era to the Chickasaw Nation.

The piece is believed to be 400 to 500 years old.

"We are very pleased to receive such a well-preserved piece of pottery, which will help us to preserve part of our history," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We will find a suitable place to display this rare gem which demonstrates the skill and artistry of our ancestors."

Mrs. Duncan discovered the piece, which was part of a much larger collection, while on a trip to the southeastern United States.

While the piece is of a type which may have been used for seed storage or other utilitarian function, Mrs. Duncan said it bears an unusual pattern.

"This is not a typical piece, it has an extremely ornate pattern on the bottom," said Ms. Duncan. "While is quite unusual, we can only speculate on the significance."

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KEEP screening



Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Fred Lyda checks Jennifer Cromling's blood pressure during the KEEP Screening, Kidney Early Evaluation Program, April 19 in Purcell. Dozens attended the screening sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation.

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Dr. Matthews joins Tishomingo Clinic



Dr. Marcia Matthews

The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to announce that Marcia Matthews, MD., has joined Chickasaw Nation Health System's health center in Tishomingo, Okla. Dr. Matthews will provide services as the Family Practice physician.

Dr. Matthews attended the

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and completed the University of Oklahoma Family Practice Residency in 1997. She is board certified by the American College of Family Practice.

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Children's Fair 2005 celebrates the lives of our kids

ADA, Okla. - More than 1,500 people attended the 2005 Children's Fair to celebrate the Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event was conducted Saturday, April 2 in Ada.

The Children's Fair featured games, door prizes, information booths, rides, entertainment, a petting farm and much more.

"The Children's Fair is an excellent opportunity for parents and children to interact in a fun and friendly environment," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The fair was coordinated by the Chickasaw Nation and the Pontotoc County Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS).

"To celebrate the Week of the Young Child, the Children's Fair gives people and organizations a chance to join together and celebrate the learning opportunities of young children and to recognize our responsibility for helping children make those opportunities count," said Frances

Herrod, child care licensing specialist at Pontotoc County DHS.

"If we want our children to succeed, we need to support the teachers and programs that give our children a great start on learning," she said.

The Ada Fire Department, Ada Police Department, Pontotoc County Health Department, Ada Boys & Girls Club, OG&E, State Farm Insurance and many other community organizations and businesses were present at the fair. Many programs, businesses and organizations in attendance participated in a booth decorating competition to promote child abuse prevention. The winner of this year's booth decorating contest was the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department and Head Start and second place was the Chickasaw Nation Family Advocacy Department.

The fair also featured a Diaper Dash for all children who are crawling, as well as wheelbarrow races and three-legged

races, featuring parents and children. Likewise, the Carl Albert Indian Hospital hosted a Baby Birthday Party for babies born at Carl Albert in 2004.

"This event is conducted to allow families in our community to come out, have a good time, take home give-aways, as well as information about the organizations that provide services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect," said Deanna Carpitche, tribal community educator and counselor.

Also in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month, was the "Adopt a Median" program in which blue ribbons were placed on trees throughout Ada. This program was coordinated by the tribe's family advocacy department, Chickasaw Nation Health System and OKDHS.

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The Diaper Dash winners included, from left, Bronze medal winner Ashlynn Barns, 9 months old. Her parents are Matt and Rusti Barnes, of Ada. Gold medal winner Madyson McWethy, 13 months old. Her parents are Chris and Jayna McWethy, of Ada. Silver medal winner Kayla Weathers, 13 months old. Her parents are Bobby and Christy Weathers, of Cartwright.



Kids and parents alike enjoyed the 2005 Children's Fair April 2 in Ada. The event was held in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Sign up through May 27 for watershed stewardship program

STILLWATER, Okla. - Three Oklahoma watersheds were among 202 across the nation invited to participate in the second sign-up of the Conservation Security Program (CSP). CSP is a new type of program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill that rewards farmers and ranchers for long-term stewardship. The program's motto is "Reward the best, Encourage the rest."

"As an agency and as a Nation we have helped farmers and ranchers fix conservation problems such as soil erosion or water conservation since the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s," said Darrell Dominick, Oklahoma State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) overseeing CSP. "These payments for demonstrable long-term steward-

ship will reward many of those who undertook conservation on their own initiative and who care for the resources we all share.

Participants will be enrolled in one of three tiers in the program, depending on the extent of the conservation treatment in place on their farm or ranch. Payments will be based in part on this existing conservation treatments as well as their willingness to

undertake additional environmental enhancements.

The watersheds selected for 2005 are the Lower Neosho Watershed in northeast Oklahoma, Lower Cimarron-Skelton Watershed in Oklahoma's wheatbelt, and Little River Watershed in Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Seminole, and Hughes Counties of central Oklahoma. The Lower Salt Fork of the Arkansas River

Watershed, selected for the first sign-up, will also be accepting applications again this year. **Sign-ups will be held from March 28 through May 27, 2005.** More information may be found at www.ok.nrcs.usda.gov or by contacting your local NRCS office.

Clay Horton, NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationist to the Chickasaw Nation said, "Watersheds will be selected on a rotation. If your watershed has not been selected or you did not meet eligibility requirements of the previous sign-up you will have an opportunity in the future. It's estimated that every watershed in the nation will be selected for sign-ups on an approximate eight year rotation, depending on budget allocations." He also suggests this may be a good time to implement a natural resource management plan if you do not have one in place or if you feel you have unaddressed resource concerns. The intent of the program is to reward the best land managers and not to fix existing problems. NRCS has technical assistance and cost share programs for that. "One small gully in a pasture could make that field ineligible for CSP," according to Horton.

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their population ratio, the Choctaws collected \$600,000 a year and the Chickasaws \$200,000 annually. [This historic ratio that was agreed to regarding their leased lands also would apply to income from coal and asphalt leases and to lands in the Arkansas riverbed case. If the courts ruled in the tribes' favor, the Choctaws would have a three-fourths interest and the Chickasaw's one-fourth.]

With the advent of the federally mandated land allotment system in the 1890s—as a step to bringing the state of Oklahoma into the Union—the tribes' semi-autonomous nations were all but abolished. By statehood, November 1907, most of the Chickasaw and Choctaw land either had been allotted to indi-

viduals on the tribal rolls or sold by the U.S. government as surplus lands. As of 1912, 834,000 acres of such Chickasaw and Choctaw land had been sold for about \$5.6 million and deposited into a joint Chickasaw-Choctaw account for per capita distribution.¹¹ Almost all of the remaining surplus tribal land had been sold to the federal government by 1951.

The claim of the Chickasaws and Choctaws and the Cherokees in 1966 was that the bed and banks of the Arkansas River had been excluded from the turn-of-the-century allotment. Therefore, the title to that land was still held by the tribes.

During 1965-66, Lon Kile's enthusiasm for the case seemed to be infectious. Overton James became a convert. He said he

had been initially interested mainly because Chief Belvin wanted him to go along [as the Chickasaws would have a one-fourth interest] and he trusted Belvin and owed him many favors. Another factor was the low cost to the tribe; working on contingency, Kile was only being paid for expenses and the Chickasaws owed only one-fourth of them. But for all their enthusiasm and the power of positive thinking, Kile's common-sense judgment was that the odds of winning were against them. As James recalled, "There was a federal law stating that when a territory becomes part of the Union, that new state will control all navigable rivers. And you know what they say about possession being nine points of

the law ... well, Oklahoma had had possession of the river for about 60 years."¹² And, there had not been a peep out of the Indian tribes about "their riverbed rights" until the lawyers got involved. -

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Rosa Walker

Rosa Bell Walker, 86, died April 17, 2005 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She was born October 13, 1918 at Happyland, Okla., to Amon and Adeline Nelson Walker.

She was baptized on Dec. 25, 1938 at Spring Baptist Church, Sasakwa, Okla. She was a housekeeper for Carl Albert Indian Hospital and McCall's

Chapel until her retirement. Ms. Walker was a life-long member of High Hill Baptist Church and attended faithfully and enjoyed singing Choctaw hymns.

She was a full-blood Chickasaw and spoke her native language fluently. Her hobbies included cooking, fishing, picking berries/poke salad/onions, listening to music and hand quilting. She enjoyed watching old shows such as Sanford and Son, Beverly Hillbillies, I Love Lucy and especially watching wrestling

She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, friend who always wanted to feed you. She enjoyed cooking and feeding any visitor who came to her home. She raised five children as well as grandchildren.

As her grandchild, I fondly remember my grandmother's cherry cobbler and fry bread. I remember every morning her radio playing "trading post" and drinking her morning coffee. I remember my grandmother's daily early morning trips to town to purchase fresh sausage, salt port or bacon for our breakfast. I remember never going hungry when I was with my grandmother. We could eat a meal and she would still insist on feeding you more. She is greatly loved and treasured by her family and friends. Grandma Rosie will be truly missed. We are blessed to have a loving and caring person who will forever be in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Johnny Walker and

Billy Ray Walker; sisters, Elsie Lindsay-Perry, Lillie Mae Lusty Graigo; brothers, Elijah Walker, Dallas Walker, Alfred Walker, Adam Walker, Virgil Walker and Ralph Walker.

She is survived by one sister, Dorothy Walker-Colbert, Ada; daughters, Betty Jean Factor Grove, Orioville, Calif., Linda Pennoke Logan, Wayne, Okla.; sons, Jerry Walker, Ada, Danny Walker, Ada, Wilburn Walker, Ada; eight grandchildren, Charles Walker, Konawa, Okla., Tracy Harjo, Konawa, Brenda Reed-Figueroa, Riverbank, Calif., Cynthia Reed-Mercer,

Ada, Chris Pennoke, Wayne, Tara Logan, Wayne, Mikeal Walker, Asher, Okla., and Jesse Colbert, Colbert, Okla.; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were April 20, 2005 at Lovelady Baptist Church, Ada with Tony Peak officiating. Interment followed at Steedman Cemetery. Bearers were nephews, Wayne Walker, Curtis Walker, Gilbert Walker, Lynn Walker, Johnny Walker and Rick Miller.

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The father could not work for a month and was regarded as an "undesirable companion on the hunt and elsewhere." Adair provided more detail, but Speck's source likely was Josiah Mikey, speaking in 1906, generations after menstrual huts had fallen into disuse.

Warriors went through elaborate purifying rituals before battle to invoke divine protection. They spent three days and nights in a winter house drinking a porridge prepared by the priest of special herbs and roots. On their expedition, they fasted, and watched one another to guard against any weakness or other violations, which could result in impurities and the wrath of the deity. Chickasaws, and most other southeastern tribes, believed that the divinity in their holy ark that they carried to war "would always bless the more religious party with the best success," Adair wrote.

Considering the Chickasaws' considerable success in battle during the 18th century, the people should have believed that they were relatively well prepared spiritually. Curiously, this element is not mentioned in descriptions or analyses of Chickasaw martial activity in

either colonial documents or historical accounts. And as any Chickasaw warrior would say, spirituality through purification was the key.

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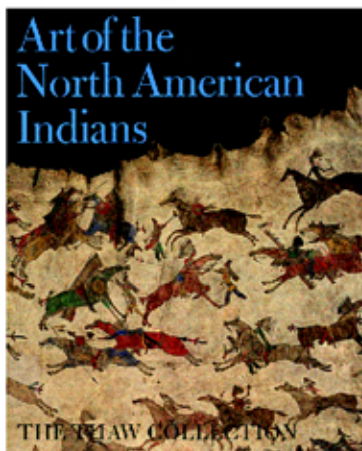


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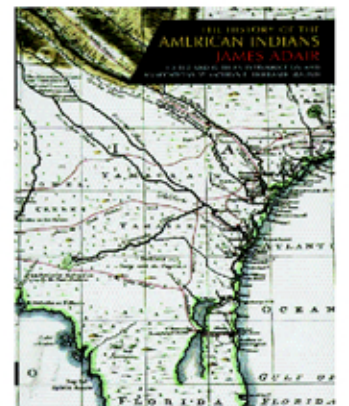
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Palmer Mosely, IV

Palmer "Gov" Simeon Mosely IV, age 65, of Arapaho, Okla., died March 21, 2005 at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born November 1, 1939 to the late Palmer "Sim" III and Kitty Jo (Mabry) Mosely, of Bromide, Okla. He was the great-grandson of Chickasaw Governor Palmer S. Mosely and wife Amanda (Greenwood) Mosely. He was proud of his Chickasaw/Choctaw descent.

Gov was unique in that he possessed a great appreciation for nature. He was known for his quiet demeanor, friendliness, dry wit, and athletic abilities. His passion was to empower students to achieve their educational goals in life. He loved sports and was an avid fisherman and also enjoyed hunting. He recently obtained his certification as a fly fishing instructor and attempted to fly fish as much as his health would allow him to. He was a former member of the National Guard Unit in Atoka, Okla.

He graduated from Bromide High School in 1957 and then attended Murray State College in Tishomingo. He received his B.S. in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, in Durant, and later received his administrative certification from the University of Tulsa.

Due to a chronic heart condition, Gov recently took medical retirement from Arapaho Public Schools, where he was superintendent for 12 years. While there, he also served as superintendent at Gage Public Schools, principal at Lexington Prison and superintendent at Tupelo Public Schools. Before that, Gov taught science and /or math subjects at various schools include Tupelo, Atoka Junior High, Oologah, and Murray State College, before initially beginning his teaching profession at Atoka High School in 1967.

Earlier in life, he married Lynnda Jean Shumard from Atoka and had two children, Shelli Dee and Palmer Simeon Mosely V. On January 1, 1991 he married Pamela Jean Ashley. He was of Presbyterian Faith and attended Arapaho Methodist Church.

Survivors include wife Pa-

mela, of the Arapaho home; a son, Palmer Mosely V and wife Sandy, of Byng; three daughters, Shelli Sweat and husband Hugh Don, of Madill, Misty Anglin and husband B.J., of Blanchard, and Brandy Ames and husband Darrin of Altus; six grandchildren, Palmer Simeon Mosely VI "Sim" and Zach Jones, of Byng, Kelsie and Kaylen Sweat, of Madill, Cache Anglin, of Blanchard, and Drew Ames, of Altus. Other survivors include brother Joe Mosely and wife JoElla of Oologah; two sisters, Cheryl Wilson and husband Stan, of Tishomingo, and Kristi Williams and husband Benny; of Wapanucka.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 24, at Arapaho High School Auditorium and gravesite services were at teh Pontotoc Cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

The family suggest that those who desire, may make memorial contributions in Mosely's honor to the Arapaho School Library fund.

A. Marie Fowler

Funeral services for A. Marie Fowler were December 22, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Holdrege, Neb., the Rev. Dr. Gary Winget, officiating, Interment followed in the Prairie Home Cemetery at Holdrege.

Alice Marie (Johnston) Fowler, 87, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004 at Christian Homes in Holdrege. She was born May 28, 1917, in Byars, Okla., the eldest of two daughters of Clarence and Anna (Edgemon) Johnston. She was registered Chickasaw Indian, establishing her book line through he father, C.F. Johston, an original enrollee in the Oklahoma Territory in 1904.

Her father was a salesman for E.B. Price and The Jewel Tea Company who went into new territories and opened up new sales routes. Once the routes were established, his company would move him to another area. He always took his family with him. This meant many school changes for Mrs. Fowler and her sister, Lois. The family moved to Oklahoma City, where she graduated Central High School in 1935.

During these travels, she studied music, taking piano lessons and playing the cornet in an all

girls band in Oklahoma City.

She met J. Clyde Fowler in the youth group at the First Baptist Church in Ponca City, Okla. He preached his first sermon on his 17th birthday and had decided that he was called into the ministry. She agreed to be his wife soon after they graduated from high school and they were married April 21, 1937 at Enid, Okla., and they had three children: Joyce, J.C. (Bill) and Edward R.

Throughout Pastor Fowler's ministry, she served as church secretary, church pianist or organist, taught Sunday School classes, taught Vacation Bible School, participated in the womens work and sang in the choir. They often went to the American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, Wisc.

Mrs. Fowler always had a love of art and handcrafts. She taught handcrafts to many youngsters in Vacation Bible Schools and Church Camps in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.

She took art courses at four community colleges in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming after she took up oil painting in the 1960's. She developed an oil and beaded technique to paint on smooth rocks and those painted rocks were shipped as far as Germany to fill requests. Many requests were made for painting of family homesteads or another favorite request was teh "Wyoming Bucking Bronco" scene that was used as favors at banquets. She estimated that she had painted over 1,500 rocks and 200 oil paintings.

She was an avid seamstress and loved to crochet. She read her Bible every day.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Barnes and her husband, Howard, of Odenton, Maryland; son, Edward R. Fowler and wife, Jan, of Holdrege; daughter-in-law, Gayleen Nestor and her husband, Wayne, of Stromsburg, Neb.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, J.C. (Bill); one sister; Lois Danely and her husband, Quentin.

Mrs. Fowler will lie in state at the Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 1 to 9 p.m. with the family greeting

7-8:30 p.m.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege is in charge of ar-

Luther Smith, IV

Luther Bell Smith IV, of Danbury, Texas, died at the age of 71 at his home on March 19, 2005.

Mr. Smith was born on December 16, 1933 at Tyler, Texas to Luther Bell III and Grace Helen Smith. He earned his B.S. in Agriculture Economics and Animal Husbandry A & M.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, retiring as a lieutenant J. G. serving in the Pacific.

He had been employed by the First National Band, Fort Worth, Swift and Co., Dallas, Pfizer Pharmaceutical in agriculture sales, real estate sales, Hospital Associates, Denver. He had also worked as a management consultant and personnel consultant in Austin.

Mr. Smith married his wife, Cleonne Frederick Borst on April 30, 1982 in Austin.

He is survived by his wife, Cleonne Smith of Danbury; a daughter, Stephanie Lynn Brennan, Boulder, Colo.; stepsons; William (Donna) Borst of Henderson, Nev.; Joseph Borst; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Alexander Borst; Rock Island, Ill.; two step-daughters, Roseanna (Ronald) Koehler of Union, Kentucky, and Rebecca (Vincent) Spero of Arlington, Texas, six step grandchildren: Brandon, Miranda, Benjamin, Zachary, Phillip and Samantha.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Danbury with Father Michael Tupa officiating. Music was provided by the Trinity Choir and organist Nancy Jappe. Casket bearers were Glenn Gramer, Gerry Vogel, Tim Pittman, Tony Nichols and Angelino Iacobello. Honorary bearers were William Smith, Ronald Kohler, and Vincent Spero. Interment was at the Danbury Cemetery at Danbury. The Swedberg-Taylor Funeral home of Webster assisted the family with the arrangements.

Note of Thanks

The family of Rosa Bell "Rosie" Walker would like to send out a sincere thanks during the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother/great-grandmother. We appreciate the food, plants, prayers and support during our loss. A special thanks to Joe and Hazel Wallace, Steve Walker, CAIHF ICU nurses, Dr. Berger, Tony Peak and Lovelady Baptist Church, Criswell staff and the many relatives, friends and co-workers who provided support and comforting words during the past two weeks.

A sincere thanks,
The family of Rosa Bell Walker

Kids on parade



Children from the Child Development Center took part in the Child Care Olympic Parade April 7.

Brandon Lynch-Wolf



Services for Brandon "Cadillac" Lynch-Wolf, 20, Ada, Okla., were March 2, 2005 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home with the Revs., Jeff Frazier and Osborne Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Boiling Springs Cemetery near Allen, Okla.

Mr. Lynch died Feb. 27, 2005 at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born March 2, 1984, at Ada to David Lynch and Debra Gayle Wolf.

He attended Byng Schools. He worked for the Chickasaw Nation community garden department at Ada and was a Chickasaw firefighter. He was a lifelong resident of Ada and member of Boiling Springs Methodist Church near Allen.

Mr. Lynch was preceded in death by his grandfather, Welman Wolf; great-grandparents, Jeff and Elsie Alexander; and a great-grandmother, Lucille Clark.

Survivors include his parents, Kevin and Debra Wisdom, Ada, and his father David Lynch, Allen; a brother, Kanan Wisdom, Ada; grandparents, Darla Wolf, Noah Wisdom, Jr. and Louise Shields, all of Ada, and Sherry Plunk, Allen; and great-grandfather Ed Clark.

Bearers were Brad Milne, Jeffrey Alexander Jr., David Johnson, Brandon Cooper, Bear Roberts and Darrell Johnson.

Honorary bearers were Jake Laughlin, Josh Laughlin, J.J. Anderson, Jacob Frazier, Monroe John, Jay "Skip" Wisdom, Narcisse Alexander and Jonathan Alexander.

William Holder

Graveside services for William Franklin Holder, 91, of Alex, Okla., were Feb. 11, 2005 at the Alex Cemetery.

Mr. Holder was born Oct. 31, 1913, at Alex, to Ray and Caline (Morris) Holder and died Feb. 6,

2005 at Alex.

He lived in Alex all his life. He farmed all his life.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Caline Holder; brother, John Thomas; and one sister, Geneva Martin.

Survivors include a daughter, Mahonna Maxine Holder of Alex; one grandson, Morgan Lee McStotts of Bakersfield, Calif.; very close friends, Larry and Marleen Abel of Alex; two nieces and one nephew.

Interment was at the Alex Cemetery.

Elizabeth Neely



TISHOMINGO — Graveside rites for Elizabeth Reed Neely, 75, were March 1 at Condon Grove Cemetery, Tishomingo, with the Rev. Gary McDonald officiating.

Born Feb. 13, 1930, in Madill, Okla. to Amziah and Edna Lacher Reed, she died Feb. 28, 2005, at her Ardmore residence. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Elizabeth Jean Owen; and sister, Virgie Harris.

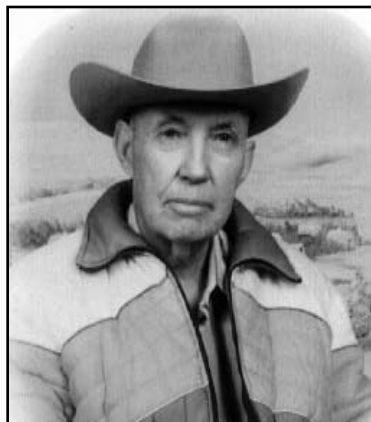
She was full-blood Chickasaw.

Mrs. Neely graduated from high school in Sanger, Texas and worked in several nursing homes and hospitals as a nurse's aide. She was a member of McAlister Indian Baptist Church of Overbrook. She and James Price Neely were married on Oct. 5, 1972, in Madill, Okla. She moved from Denton, Texas to Ardmore in 1968. She was preceded in death by her husband on July 3, 2000.

Survivors include daughters, Frankie McCullough and husband Gary, Ardmore, Pam Willis, Gainesville, Texas, Patty Harp and husband John and Car-

ol Nunn and husband Luke, all of Gainesville; brothers, Warren Reed, Ada, and Paul Reed, Denton, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Richard Wiggins



Richard Guy (Dick) Wiggins died March 18, 2005 at Ft. Towson, Okla. He was born Nov. 22, 1914 to Eugene Franklin and Malissa (Nelson) Wiggins at Sulphur, Okla.

His mother was a Chickasaw Princess.

He attended grade school and high school at Sulphur and attended Murray State Junior College at Tishomingo, Okla., and A&M at Stillwater, Okla., all during the Great Depression. After college he worked with Armour and Co., Oklahoma City as a truck driver. His routes were in southeastern Oklahoma and he thought it was the prettiest country with all the tall pretty pine trees and clean water. In September 1940 the Oklahoma 45th National Guard Division was called into active service which he had been a member of since 1933. In 1942 he was sent on a cadre to the 653rd Engineer BN, where he was a M/SGT and went over seas to India with this unit. After a year in India he was transferred to China for 13 months. He spent five years and 3 months on active service. After the war he went to work for the state and in 1959 - 1960 he was sent to Ft. Towson in charge of opening and building Lake Raymond Gary Park. He later put in 20 years with the welfare department in Hugo, Okla.

He and his wife Bertha bought 40 acres northwest of Ft. Towson in 1971, where he continued to live. He was a member of the Spencerville Community Church.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; wife, Bertha; and brother, Eugene Wiggins.

He is survived by a daughter, Jackie Custer, Chelsea, Okla.; a brother, John Wiggins, Oklahoma; a sister, Tama Ruth Luther; a grandchild, Lindsey Childress, Chelsea; a great-grandchild, Marshal Childress, Chelsea; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were March 21, 2005 at the Bill Darrough Pavilion, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hugo. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Officiating were Rev. Troy Blue and Jerry Kendricks.

Winifred Pickens

Winifred Myers Pickens, 101, of Muskogee, Okla., died March 31, 2005. She was born Sept. 27, 1903 near Davis, Indian Territory to Winfield and Alice (Brittenberg) Myers.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and was on the Dawes Indian Commission Roles.

On December 14, 1919, she and R.M. Pickens were married in Davis, Okla. They moved to Muskogee to make their home in 1926.

She is survived by daughter, Bette and son-in-law, Jack Hodge; grandson, Richard Hodge and wife Pam; five great-grandchildren, James Garland, Jr. and wife Jerlyn, Rodney Garland, Zachary Hodge, Sarah Hodge and Mallory Hodge; and great-great-grandchildren, Clay and Bretonn Garland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; one

brother; her husband; and granddaughter, Nancy Garland.

A private funeral service was April 4, 2005 with Diana Cox-Crawford officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Edith Wolfe



Edith S. Wolfe died April 7, 2005 at Los Angeles, Calif., at the age of 89. She was born Oct. 19, 1915 at Bromide, Okla., to Elias Rictor and Nannie Pearl Smith.

She was the granddaughter of Chickasaw Governor Simeon Palmer Mosley, I, and the oldest of six siblings.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Glenn Robinson Wolfe.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Shaver, Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Cynthia Jensen, Rifle, Colo.; two sons, Jan Wolfe, Phoenix, and Floyd Wolfe, Las Vegas; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was proud of her Oklahoma roots and Chickasaw heritage, something she instilled in her family. She will be greatly missed by her extended family and all who knew and loved her.

Note of Thanks

The family of Brandon "Cadillac" Lynch - Wolf wishes to thank everyone for the food, flowers, plants, calls, visits, cards, prayers and donations during our tremendous loss of our beautiful, beloved Brandy.

A very special thank you to Reverend Jeff Frazier and Reverend Osborne Roberts for their services; Greg Chilcoat and the Smith-Phillips funeral home staff; Thalia Miller, Rhonda Coplen and the Chickasaw Nation Community Garden and Greenhouse staff; Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation; the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers; Valley View Regional Hospital emergency room staff and EMS staff; Comet Cleaners; Cato's; JD's Cafeteria, Candice Wisdom, Mrs. Wight, Mrs. Brooks and Homer Elementary staff; the Arlington branch Landmark Bank, APD detectives Mr. Tommy Cosper and Mr. Tracy Jackson; and Mr. Jim Begin, Cindy Brown, Michelle Fletcher, Emily Clifton, June Whaley, Jeanette Matthews and the Ada Youth Shelter staff.

We will never forget everyone's kindness and caring sympathy. May God bless you!